

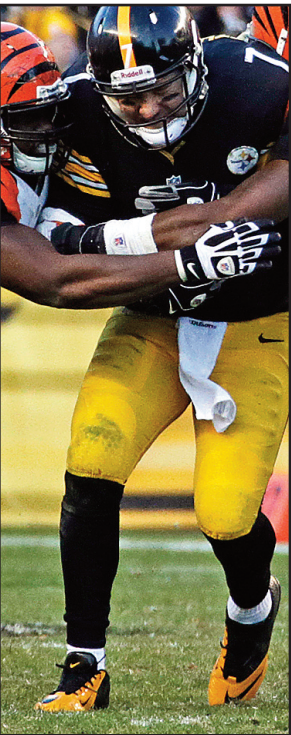
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Wednesday's Question

Will our area's road crews be up to the task of a major storm today?

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YesNo

Today's question
Storm or not, did you return any gifts Wednesday?

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Berlin part of group against illegal guns

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

SALEM — Mayor John Berlin is part of a coalition of mayors against illegal guns, but said “I don’t think they’re looking to prevent the citizens from having guns at all.”

Berlin said he joined the group this past summer after receiving an email from Mayors Against Illegal Guns asking if he wanted to be a part of the coalition.

The group lists a statement of

principles on its website at www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org regarding guns laws. Some of those principles include keeping military-style weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines off the streets, supporting legislation that targets illegal guns, developing and using technology to help detect and trace illegal guns, punishing criminals who use, possess or traffic in illegal guns and target irresponsible gun dealers who break the law by know-

ingly selling guns to straw purchasers.

“If the alternative is Mayors For Illegal Guns, I don’t want to be part of that group,” Berlin said.

He said he’s in favor of requiring every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check, even if they’re purchasing a weapon online, through a dealer or at a gun show.

He also said the federal weapons ban that expired in 2004 should be looked at again. According to

Wikipedia, the ban prohibited the manufacture of certain semi-automatic guns, also known as assault weapons, for civilian use. The ban expired in September 2004 due to a sunset provision and has not been renewed.

He said the mayors in the bigger cities are looking for some relief in the form of legislation to keep these guns off the street. He said Salem

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2-plow job

Two snowplows from Colian’s Multi Service in Salem attacked the quickly falling snow at the Salem Plaza on Wednesday. The company deployed eight trucks for snow-plowing duties beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday. One driver said if the expected storm continued they would be working long hours. Some banks and store closed early because of the snowy conditions while others remained open. The forecast calls for more snow today, but subsiding by early afternoon. (Salem News photo by Larry Shields)

Snow storm hammers county

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

LISBON — It was nearly a white Christmas. The snow some children—and even adults—may have been anticipating didn’t arrive until Wednesday when clouds loaded with snow dumped it all over the county.

The National Weather Service began warning county residents of the on-coming storm Tuesday evening and snow started falling Wednesday morning.

Eddie Dillard, the county Emergency Management Agency’s interim director, said the weather service was predicting up to 10 inches of snow, but only about four inches had fallen in Lisbon that afternoon.

The snow, blended with a smattering of rain later in the day, was still falling as she spoke.

Dillard said the combination of rain and snow would likely result in more traffic accidents since the roads were already hazardous, and residents should take as many precautions as possible while traveling.

In Lisbon, the city’s most heavily traveled streets were plowed first by the road department before crews addressed the side streets and other low-traffic areas.

A dispatcher with the Lisbon Post of the Highway Patrol said troopers responding to accidents across the county were mostly dealing with cars in ditches and no serious injuries were re-

ported as of that afternoon.

In Leetonia, one man flipped a Ford Ranger on state Route 14 east of Washingtonville which resulted in the road being closed to traffic for a while but the man declined medical treatment, according to Dave Leffel, Leetonia’s assistant chief.

No detours were posted while the road was closed, he added.

Dispatchers in Columbiana and East Palestine said accidents in those areas also were not serious. In East Palestine, police handled only one accident before noon in which a car slid into another, but no injuries were reported.

A single boys basketball game scheduled for Wednesday evening in the county was postponed. Warren JFK will play East Palestine at a date yet to be set. Schools were already closed for the day as a result of the holiday vacation.

The National Weather Service out of Pittsburgh cautioned residents to stay indoors during the winter storm warning that included an expected accumulation of 6 to 10 inches of snow by this morning.

The weather service also reported winds would blow northeast at rates of 10 to 20 miles per hour, with gusts up to 30 miles per hour in some places. Average temperatures in Columbiana County and the surrounding counties were expected to be between 25 and 30 degrees.

Expected snow accumulation in Lis-

bon by the end of the day Wednesday was three to seven inches. Snow showers were expected to continue through the night, although little or no snow accumulation is expected today. Snow could crop up again in the forecast later this week and into the weekend, according to the weather service.

Temperatures in the county seat could dip to 21 degrees Saturday night—the lowest all week.

Dillard kept in contact with county electricity providers throughout the day, and no outages were reported as a result of the storm, although neighboring Jefferson County had more than 800 AEP customers without power around 4 p.m., according to information available on the company’s website.

Dillard said she also communicated frequently with county commissioners throughout the day as she monitored the storm’s effect on the county.

Information on how to keep safe during winter weather is available on the EMA’s web site, columbianacoema.org/winter.html. Weather updates are also posted on the site as they become available, she said.

Although some roads in the county were temporarily closed while police and other officials helped remove cars from ditches, no roads were closed to traffic in a manner that required posted detours. A map of road closures and restrictions is available at www.buckeyetraffic.org.

SALEM

Cop: Use common sense in winter

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

SALEM — Motorists trying to traverse the snow-covered roadways Wednesday found traffic moving slowly, if at all, with multiple accidents reported and some businesses choosing to shut down for the day in preparation for more snow.

“It all goes down to common sense,” Salem Police Lt. Don Beeson said, noting that people shouldn’t be traveling in the bad weather unless it’s an emergency.

He said the biggest problem was people didn’t listen to the reports about storm coming, because traffic was heavy in the morning during the height of the initial storm.

One of the city’s new 2012 cruisers sustained minor damage after getting rear-ended by another vehicle after responding to an accident near Howard and Second Street. No one was injured.

“Within 3 minutes, we had three accidents at Second and Howard,” he said.

The city of Salem declared its snow emergency parking ban effective at 11 a.m. Wednesday and continuing through noon today. The village of Leetonia also put a snow emergency parking ban in effect until further notice.

Some area roads ended up shut down for a period due to accidents or stuck vehicles, including what’s known as the Millville hill leading out of Salem east on state Route 14 due to a problem with a semi truck.

Beeson said the same thing happens every time there’s a storm — people flood the dispatcher with calls asking about the roads. He said they need to use some common sense.

Columbiana manager position draws 70-plus bids

By KATIE SCHWENDEMAN
Staff Writer

COLUMBIANA — More than 70 people think they have what it takes to become the city’s next city manager.

Tonight, members of the selection advisory committee will meet behind closed doors to narrow that number down to the top few to be granted interviews with city council.

The city is in need of a new manager with Keith Chamberlin retiring Dec. 31 after 20 years. His backup, Service Director Jay Groner, is also retiring that day, and council recently appointed Finance Director Mark Harold to serve as manager in the meantime. He will perform the administrative duties along with the financial duties until a new manager is hired.

Advisory committee member Lowell Schloneger, who also sits on council, is surprised and encouraged by how many people have shown an interest in

the position.

“It is more than I expected. It just means that there is a lot of people looking” to help the city, he said.

The committee was formed to move along the selection process since council members are unable to meet with all of the applicants.

Schloneger said he isn’t sure how many people will be pulled from the selection during the meeting.

“I’m just looking out of this group to find the best person we can. Everything has went good for a lot of years for us with our manager. We’ll just need to find another one to keep it going,” he said.

He hopes interviews can begin as soon as possible, and exactly when they will begin is still to be determined.

Other members of the committee are Mayor David Spatholt, Councilman Bob Bieshelt and Civil Service Commission member Rick Noel.

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Minn. soda shop rebuked for stocking candy smokes

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Owners of an old-school soda shop in St. Paul, Minn., are being warned to kick the habit and stop stocking novelty candy cigarettes.

City inspectors threatened a misdemeanor citation and \$500 fine if Lynden’s soda fountain is caught selling the fake smokes again. The Star Tribune reported Wednesday that the offering violated an ordinance barring the sale of candy smokes and cartoon character lighters. A city spokesman says the warning came after inspectors received and looked into a complaint about the presence of the tobacco-themed products. The ordinance was enacted to discourage youngsters from picking up a real smoking habit.

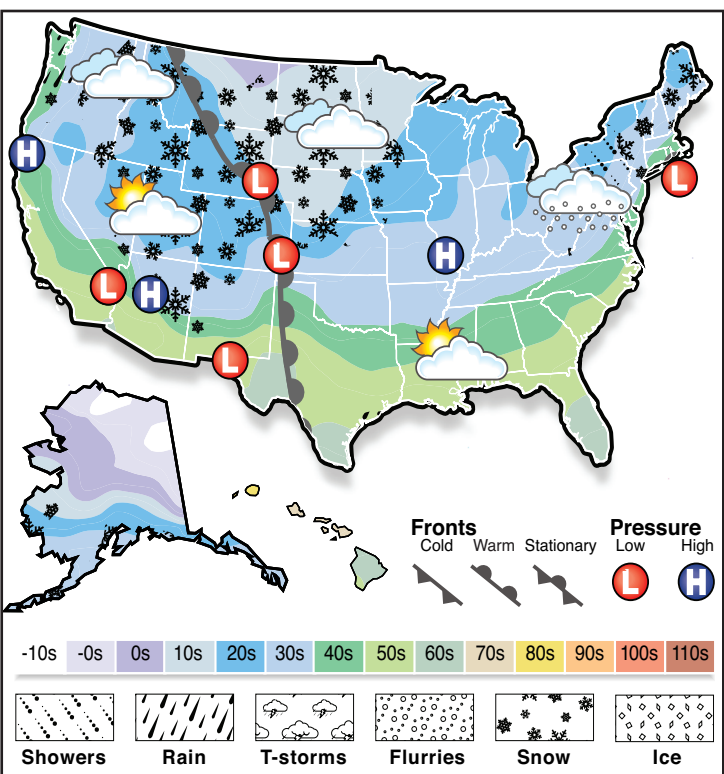
Shop owner Tobi Lynden says the white candy sticks with the red tips were her best-selling item but she pulled them to avoid running afoul of the ordinance.

WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Cloudy. Snow likely in the morning...Then a chance of snow showers in the afternoon. Snow accumulation around an inch. Highs in the lower 30s. Tonight...Cloudy. Lows around 20. Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy. A chance of snow after midnight. Lows around 20. Saturday...Cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Saturday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s. Sunday...Cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows 15 to 20. Monday...Partly sunny in the morning...Then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 20s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 20. New years day...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Cloudy. Snow likely in the morning...Then a chance of snow showers in the afternoon. Snow accumulation less than an inch. Windy with highs in the lower 30s. Tonight...Mostly cloudy and windy. Lows in the lower 20s. Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy. A chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the lower 20s. Saturday...Cloudy with a chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Saturday night...Cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Sunday...Cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Highs around 30. Sunday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 20. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 30. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. New years day...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 30.



Today's Forecast

Forecast for Thursday, Dec. 27

City/Region High | Low temps

TOLEDO • 32° | 25°

CLEVELAND • 32° | 30°

YOUNGSTOWN • 32° | 27°

MANSFIELD • 30° | 25°

DAYTON • 27° | 23°

COLUMBUS • 30° | 25°

CINCINNATI • 30° | 27°

PORTSMOUTH • 34° | 25°

Partly Cloudy Cloudy Showers Thunderstorms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

Extended Forecast

Today

33/20

Friday

33/20

Saturday

33/22

Sunday

28/17



In the ditch
A vehicle rests in the ditch off U.S. Route 30 near Wayne Bridge Road just west of Lisbon Wednesday afternoon. (Salem News photo by Patti Schaeffer)

NATION/WORLD

South Africa: Nelson Mandela released from the hospital
JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Former South African President Nelson Mandela was released Wednesday from the hospital after being treated for a lung infection and having gallstones removed, a government spokesman said.
The 94-year-old anti-apartheid icon will continue to receive medical care at home.
Mandela had been in the hospital since Dec. 8. In recent days, officials have said he was improving and in good spirits, but doctors have taken extraordinary care with his health because of his age.
Mandela was released Wednesday evening and will receive “home-based high care” at his residence in the Johannesburg neighborhood of Houghton until he fully recovers, said presidential spokesman Mac Maharaj.
“We thank the public and the media for the good wishes and for according Madiba and the family the necessary privacy,” said Maharaj in a statement, using Mandela’s clan name, a term of affection. The statement requested that Mandela’s privacy continue to be respected “in order to allow for the best possible conditions for full recovery.”

Killer of 2 NY firemen left note saying he liked ‘killing people’
WEBSTER, N.Y. (AP) — The ex-con turned sniper who killed two firefighters wanted to make sure his goodbye note was legible, typing out his desire to “do what I like doing best, killing people” before setting the house where he lived with his sister ablaze, police said.
Police Chief Gerald Pickering said Tuesday that the 62-year-old loner, William Spengler, brought plenty of ammunition with him for three weapons including a military-style assault rifle as he set out on a quest to burn down his neighborhood just before sunrise on Christmas Eve.
And when firefighters arrived to stop him, he unleashed a torrent of bullets, shattering the windshield of the fire truck that volunteer firefighter and police Lt. Michael Chiapperini, 43, drove to the scene. Fellow firefighter Tomasz Kaczowka, 19, who worked as a 911 dispatcher, was killed as well.
Two other firefighters were struck by bullets, one in the pelvis and the other in the chest and knee. They remained hospitalized in stable condition and were expected to survive.
On Tuesday, investigators found a body in the Spengler home, presumably that of the sister a

neighbor said Spengler hated: 67-year-old Cheryl Spengler. Spengler’s penchant for death had surfaced before. He served 17 years in prison for manslaughter in the 1980 hammer slaying of his grandmother.

Syrian interior minister leaves Beirut hospital for fear of arrest
BEIRUT (AP) — Syria’s wounded interior minister cut short his treatment at a Beirut hospital Wednesday and returned home for fear of being arrested by Lebanese authorities, while Syria’s chief of military police defected to the opposition, becoming one of the highest-ranking officers to switch sides.
The twin developments reflected the deepening isolation of Syrian President Bashar Assad’s government, which has suffered a number of setbacks on the battlefield as well.
In the latest challenge, rebels launched a massive attack on a military base in the northern province of Idlib after laying siege to it for weeks.
The defector, Maj. Gen. Abdul-Aziz Jassem al-Shallal, becomes one of the most senior members of Assad’s regime to join the opposition during the 21-month-old revolt against his authoritarian rule.
Al-Shallal appeared in a video aired on Arab TV late Tuesday saying that he was casting his lot with “the people’s revolution.”

Large, powerful storm hits nation’s midsection and heads east, leaving 6 dead, outages, damage
A powerful winter storm system pounded the nation’s midsection Wednesday and headed toward the Northeast, where people braced for the high winds and heavy snow that disrupted holiday travel, knocked out power to thousands of homes and were blamed in at least six deaths.
Hundreds of flights were canceled or delayed, scores of motorists got stuck on icy roads or slid into drifts, and blizzard warnings were issued amid snowy gusts of 30 mph that blanketed roads and windshields, at times causing whiteout conditions.
“The way I’ve been describing it is as a low-end blizzard, but that’s sort of like saying a small Tyrannosaurus rex,” said John Kwiatkowski, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Indianapolis.
The system, which spawned Gulf Coast region tornadoes on Christmas Day and a historic amount of snow in Arkansas, pushed through the Upper Ohio Valley and headed toward the North-

east. Forecasts called for 12 to 18 inches of snow inland from western New York to Maine starting late Wednesday and into Thursday and tapering off into a mix of rain and snow closer to the coast, where little accumulation was expected in such cities as New York and Boston.
The storm left freezing temperatures in its aftermath, and forecasters also said parts of the Southeast from Virginia to Florida would see severe thunderstorms.

Spokesman: Bush’s fever rising, doctors at Houston hospital have ex-president on liquid diet
HOUSTON (AP) — A “stubborn” fever that kept former President George H.W. Bush in a hospital over Christmas has gotten worse, and doctors have put him on a liquids-only diet, his spokesman said Wednesday. Jim McGrath, Bush’s spokesman in Houston, had said earlier in the day that the fever had gone away, but he later corrected himself. “It’s an elevated fever, so it’s actually gone up in the last day or two,” McGrath told The Associated Press. “It’s a stubborn fever that won’t go away.” Doctors at Methodist Hospital in Houston have run tests and are treating the fever with Tylenol, but they still haven’t nailed down a cause, McGrath said. Doctors also have put Bush on a liquid diet, though McGrath could not say why.

As Newtown officers struggle with effects of shooting, police union seeks expanded benefits
HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Some of the police officers who responded to the school shooting in Newtown are so traumatized they haven’t been working, but they have to use sick time and could soon be at risk of going without a paycheck, a union official said Wednesday.
The union, Council 15 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, is seeking more generous assistance in talks with the town’s insurer. It is also reaching out to lawmakers and the governor’s office with proposals to modify state law and expand workers’ compensation benefits for officers who witness horrific crime scenes.
“The insurer for the town has taken a position that these officers are entitled to only what the statute allows. Unfortunately for these officers, the statute doesn’t allow any benefits,” said Eric Brown, an attorney for the union, which represents nearly 4,000 officers around Connecticut.

Beer sales help rebuild Northern Calif. monastery
VINA, Calif. (AP) — Monks in a small Northern California town are rebuilding a centuries-old Spanish monastery with help from what may seem an unlikely source: beer. The first phase of the building’s decades-long restoration project in the Sacramento Valley town of Vina has been completed, with the Chapter House of Ovila now standing, the San Francisco Chronicle reported (<http://bit.ly/TvoGjL>) Tuesday.
In the 1930s, newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst bought the former Trappist monastery— the Santa Maria de Ovila — and imported it from Spain for an estate that was never realized.
Once that project was scrapped, Hearst donated the monastery’s pieces to the city of San Francisco, but the dismantled building sat forgotten in Golden Gate Park for more than 60 years.
The Vina monks credit the founder of their abbey, Father Thomas X. Davis, with the idea of restoring the remains to the Trappist community. Davis saw the stones at Golden Gate Park when he arrived in San Francisco in 1955 and began a campaign to bring them to Vina. The city eventually agreed to turn over the stones to the abbey. The Chapter House was rebuilt with the help of millions of dollars raised by the Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. in nearby Chico.
The brewers created a series of Ovila Abbey ales inspired by Belgian Trappist monks, an order that to this day makes some of the finest beers in the world. Monasteries in Europe still use brewing as a way to keep them financially self-sufficient, so Sierra Nevada’s partnership with the Vina monastery is keeping with a tradition that began in the Middle Ages.
Sierra Nevada Brewing and the monks have raised \$7 million over the past 12 years to help with the historic and painstaking reconstruction.
The gothic, limestone building that housed Cistercian monks for hundreds of years is finally erect again.

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DEATHS

Helen Carmello
YOUNGSTOWN — Helen Carmello, 96, of Youngstown, formerly of the Lexington Courtyard in Salem, where she lived for eight years, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 at Austin-woods Nursing Center in Austintown.

She was born Sept. 27, 1916 in Youngstown, Ohio, daughter of the late Frank and Noemi (Lepore) Ficocelli.

Helen worked for many years for Strouss-Hirshberg Company in Youngstown. She was a member of the St. Paul Catholic Church, St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Youngstown, and St. Anthony's Altar and Rosary Society.

Her husband, Nick Carmello, whom she married, April 17, 1944, preceded her in death Aug. 11, 2002.

Survivors include two sons, Felix (Joanne) Carmello of Canfield and Edward (Kathy) Carmello of Belair, Md.; daughter, Marena Carmello of Salem; and six grandchildren, Nick (Angelique) Carmello, Kristin (Dave) MacBride, Anthony (Kimberly) Carmello, Michael (Amy) Carmello, Jason (Jen) Carmello, Andrew (Kelly) Carmello; and 11 great-grandchildren, whom she called "her babies" and brought extreme joy to her life.

Two sisters, Dorothy Soricelli and Kathryn Marsco, and three brothers, Michael, Nick and Anthony Ficocelli also preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012 at the St. Paul Catholic Church with Father Robert Edwards officiating.

Calling hours will be held on Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Youngstown.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

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(Paid obituary)

Randall Baringer
BERLIN CENTER — Services pending for Randall Baringer, 87, of Berlin Center.

Arrangements are being handled by Lane Family Funeral Homes Austintown Chapel.

12/27/12

Yolanda Jane Nicotera
SALEM — Yolanda Jane Nicotera, 83, of Salem, died at 4:22 a.m. Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at the Salem Community Hospital with her sons at her side.

She was born Sept. 4, 1929, in Fairmont, W. Va., a daughter of the late John and Mary (Condino) Ciliberto.

Yolanda grew up in Struthers, Ohio, then moved to Leetonia where she spent most of her adult life. She was the quiet person in the room, always a smile, and never a bad word about anyone. She was a member of the St. Paul Catholic Church.

Her husband, Frank Dominic Nicotera, whom she married Oct. 28, 1947, preceded her in death Dec. 7, 1997. A sister, Virginia Pando and a brother, Robert Ciliberto also preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sons, Frank (Annette) Nicotera of Medina, Anthony (Jeanne) Nicotera of Columbiana, Michael (Dodie) Nicotera of Salem and Gene (Gayle) Nicotera of Columbiana; a brother, John Ciliberto of Poland; close friend, Dan Prather; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at the St. Paul Catholic Church with Father Robert Edwards officiating.

Calling hours will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady's Purse, St. Paul Catholic Church, 935 E. State St., Salem, Ohio 44460.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

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(Paid obituary)

Alice L. Johnson
NORTH BENTON — Alice L. Johnson, 93, of North Benton died Monday at her home.

She was born June 14, 1919, in Joy, Ohio, the daughter of the late Sherman and Bertha (Stage) McNutt.

She retired from TRW in Minerva and had worked for Good Roads Machinery in Minerva and Republic Steel in Canton. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Earl Stevenson and Raymond Johnson; a daughter, Elma Felton; and a son, William Stevenson.

She is survived by four daughters, Janet Harry of Alliance, Twila Herron of Malvern, Marcene (Bill) Lockridge of North Benton and Sherry Grethere of Fargo, N.D.; a son, Earl Stevenson Jr. of Malvern; three stepsons, Richard (Mary Lou) Johnson of Paris, Joe (Janet) Johnson of Minerva and Larry (Brenda) Johnson of Salem; and 274 grandchildren spanning six generations.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Walter McNutt officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling hours will be one hour prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Those wishing to send condolences may sign the register at www.gotschallfuneralhome.com.

12/27/12

POLICE REPORTS

SALEM
— Lucille Rohrer, 56, of Chestnut Street, Leetonia, reported at 10:13 a.m. Wednesday that she was exiting the Walmart parking lot at Cunningham Road and stopped for the stop sign when a black Chrysler Sebring northbound on Cunningham attempted to turn right into the Walmart lot, slid on the ice and slid into her Subaru. The driver of the Sebring continued into the parking lot and left the scene.

— Police were called at 10:06 a.m. Wednesday to Marc's, 2487 E. State St., where a woman fell in the parking lot after getting out of her car and slipping on the snow. She struck her head on the pavement, resulting in a laceration. Fire Department first responders and EMT Ambulance responded to the scene and the woman was taken to Salem Community Hospital for treatment.

— An officer saw three people walking north on Westview Drive, just north of Sunset Drive, at 4:04 a.m. Wednesday. They said they were just out for a walk and were walking to a residence on East Fourth Street. The officer questioned them about their direction of travel, since their destination was south. They said they were lost. They were identified and given directions.

— Police were called to a domestic at 12:39 a.m. Wednesday in the 300 block of West Seventh Street where a woman said her estranged husband was intoxicated and began to argue with her, calling her vulgar names. He left in her only vehicle and she wanted it returned. She was told he has a right to use the vehicle since they're still married. She and witnesses reported no physical violence or assault.

— An officer investigating a noise complaint at an upstairs apartment in the 100 block of West Pershing Street noticed a suspicious odor at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday which smelled like rotten meat. The tenant of another apartment

also complained about the odor. There was no answer at the apartment in question where the smell was originating, but an officer reached a family member of the tenant who said the tenant was okay. The family member was told about the odor issue, possibly coming from garbage needing to be taken out. For the noise complaint, the tenant was told to keep the music down.

— A water line break was reported at 9:05 p.m. Tuesday in the 1500 block of Southeast Boulevard.

— Police responded to East 10th Street and North Lincoln Avenue after receiving a report at 8:58 p.m. Tuesday for a juvenile reportedly waiting to speak to police regarding a person with a knife. The juvenile's father then called and said it was a misunderstanding and a practical joke, with the juvenile thinking there was a knife when it was really a wooden spoon.

— Police received calls at 8:01 p.m. Tuesday for possible gunshots in the 1200 block of East Sixth Street when residents reported three loud bangs believed to have been east of Hawley Avenue. Officers patrolled the area, but did not hear any disturbances and found no evidence of gun fire.

— A domestic was reported at 6:18 p.m. Tuesday in the 1100 block of East Ninth Street where a man found his adult son at home that he had served with a preliminary eviction notice several months ago. He asked him to leave and he refused and when he attempted to call police, his son allegedly grabbed him from behind and put him in a chokehold. He was able to break free and his son left. He didn't want to pursue charges.

LISBON
— A man reported at 9:39 a.m. Wednesday someone stole four batteries from two different loaders at Sand and Gravel on state Route 154.

William Daniel Dinsio Sr.
SALEM — The family of William Daniel Dinsio Sr. of Salem, Ohio, invites you to celebrate a life lived out loud for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in a memorial to be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Arley Yorty and Rev. Gene Blakeman officiating.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Full military honors provided by the Salem Honor Guard at Hope Cemetery will follow services.

William was born Oct. 24, 1927, and died at 4:30 a.m. Dec. 23, 2012.

William, along with his wife, Ethel (Hendricks) Dinsio, leave a heritage of five children, Linda (Don Sr.) Custer of Salem, William Jr. (fiancee Leann) of Salem, Lynne Akers of Acworth, Ga., Kaylee Harroff of Cincinnati, Crystal (Arley) Yorty of North Versailles, Pa.; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Amil Dinsio of Allen, N.Y.; and three sisters, Viola Barber and Ada Billett of California and Pam Blakeman of Columbiana.

His parents, Emilio and Bertha and brothers, Emilio, Vincent and James Dinsio, preceded him in death.

Many things could be told of William, accomplishments and successes, but he wouldn't boast about any of those. What he would want to tell you is that "Jesus loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you. Just talk to Him and ask Him into your heart."

You are loved Dad and you will be missed terribly. You are the best Dad anyone could ever have. Save a place for us! We'll be there soon!

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

12/27/12

Betty Dunn
SALEM — Betty Dunn, 88, of Sandusky, formerly of Salem, died Wednesday at the Commons of Providence in Sandusky. Arrangements are pending at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

12/27/12

Craig A. Buchanan
SALEM — Craig A. Buchanan, 64, of Salem, died at 1:21 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012 at the Salem Community Hospital.

He was born March 3, 1948 in Salem, Ohio, the son of Doreen Brubaker.

He attended West Branch High School and owned and operated the Buchanan Tobacco Shop in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He had previously worked for MPI Labels for 25 years.

His wife, Karen (Murray) Buchanan, whom he married June 8, 1991, survives him along with two sons, Michael (Belinda) Buchanan of Berlin Center and Kristofer (Jenny) Sekely of Charleston, S.C.; a daughter, Ashley Sekely of Salem; four grandchildren, Cooper. Makenzie, Atalie and Lily.

Memorial service will be held at 11 am on Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home with Father Robert Edwards officiating.

This obituary may be viewed and condolences sent to the family online at www.starkmemorial.com.

12/27/12
(Paid obituary)

Marjorie E. Wood
SALEM — Marjorie E. Wood, 85, of Salem, died Wednesday afternoon at her home. Arrangements are pending at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

12/27/12

COMMON PLEAS

New Cases
Robin L. Leake, East Liverpool, vs. Edwin L. Leake, Wellsville, divorce sought.
Autovest LLC vs. Jonathan Mullen, Salem, \$17,260 sought for alleged debt owed on a Jeep.
Citimortgage Inc. vs. Melvin Price,

Liverpool man pleads guilty to possession

LISBON — Khbair A. Tisdale, 32, Rigby Street, East Liverpool, pleaded guilty in Columbiana County Common Pleas Court to five counts of possession of drugs. Sentencing is set for March 1. He faces up to six years in prison and a fine of \$9,500.

Joshua J. Lapin, 23, East Fourth Street, Salem, was sentenced to five years intensive probation for burglary for trespassing in the home of Cory McCoy and Amanda Speigel in May 2011.

et al., foreclosure sought for property on state Route 46, New Waterford.
Huntington National Bank vs. the unknown heirs of Carol M. Bertolette, et al., foreclosure sought for property on Fairfield School Road, Columbiana.

PATROL

— Duane C. McCaslin, 41, Woodale Drive, Lisbon, was northeastbound on state Route 558 and Mary B. Shuman, 29, Sharp Street, Salem, was northwestbound on state Route 558 in Salem at 11:36 a.m. Tuesday when McCaslin failed to negotiate a turn and struck Shuman's vehicle. He was cited with failure to control.

— Steven S. Summers, 37, Vale Street, East Liverpool, was eastbound on Y&O Road in St. Clair Township at 2:34 p.m. Friday and went left of center and traveled off the right side of the road struck an embankment and overturned. He was cited for failure to control. His passenger, Vera L. Smith, 48, Vale Street, East Liverpool, was treated at the scene for non-incapacitating injuries.

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MATTHEW AARON TODD 37
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12 to 1 p.m. Friday
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MUNICIPAL

LISBON — In Columbiana County Municipal Court, Dirk S. Weston, 49, state Route 164, Lisbon, was bound over to the Columbiana County Common Pleas Court grand jury on an assault charge. According to court documents, Weston is accused of repeatedly threatening to take a gun from Patrolman Steven Thomas of Salineville police and threatening to kill Thomas, as well as assaulting him by attempting to strangle him with his handcuffs while in custody.

Kevin C. Blackburn, 27, East Fifth Street, Salem, was fined \$1,575, had his license suspended for 180 days, sentenced to 15 days in jail and required to pay \$384 in restitution to Lottie Roach within 30 days for drug possession, drug abuse, drug paraphernalia, OVI first offense, failure to control, hit skip and marked lanes. Court documents claim Blackburn had Alprazolam, Clonazepam and marijuana.

Mitchell A. Hill, 28, Jefferson Avenue, Salem, was fined \$1,225, had his license suspended for a year, was sentenced to 20 days in jail and required 40 hours community service for OVI second offense, driving on a closed highway and driving under OVI suspension. A citation of driving without a valid sticker was dismissed.

Gregory E. Weber, 46, East Canton, was fined \$775, was sentenced to three days in jail, had his license suspended for six months and required 40 hours community service for OVI first offense and resisting arrest for running from the vehicle causing a highway patrol trooper to tase and mace him. A lane violation citation was dismissed.

Hugh W. Fraser, 53, Tower Road, Salem, was fined \$725, had his license suspended for six months and sentenced to 25 days in jail for OVI first offense and handling firearms while intoxicated amended from a felony charge of improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle.

James Bagley III, 22, East High Street, Leetonia, was fined \$100, sentenced to three days in jail and required 50 hours community service for persistent disorderly conduct for a fight he was involved in along with six others at the Leetonia coke ovens in May, which led to two people being hospitalized after they were struck by a vehicle.

A Jan. 3 pretrial was set for David J. Daniels III charged with two counts of domestic violence. Court documents alleged Daniels, 37, South Main Street, Columbiana, assaulted both his wife and their child on Friday, throwing the boy around the house, attempting to smother him and attempting to choke his wife while threatening to kill them.

A Jan. 14 pretrial was set for George A. Burkey, 47, North Jefferson Street, Lisbon, cited for driving under a child support suspension.

A Jan. 22 pretrial was set for Timothy R. Smith, 23, Pidgeon Road, Salem, charged with criminal damaging for allegedly driving his truck into a field on Gromley Road on Friday.

A Jan. 24 pretrial was set for Anthony R. Kelly, 24, Main Street, Leetonia, charged with domestic violence for allegedly throwing an item described as a toy cell phone or something similar and striking a 6-year-old girl in the head while Kelly was being evicted from his apartment on Friday.

A Jan. 29 pretrial was set for April D. Mettenberger, 32, Campground Road, Wellsville, charged with OVI first offense and a seat belt violation.

A Feb. 5 pretrial was set for Michael F. Lewis, 29, last known address Caldwell Street, Lisbon, charged with theft for allegedly taking two packages of doughnuts valued at 75 cents each from Quaker Village on Saturday.

A Feb. 7 pretrial was set for Ryan E. Sevenich, 22, Metz Road, Columbiana, charged with OVI first offense and failure to yield the right of way.

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WHIPKEY, MARIAN (94)
Memorial Services: Friday 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
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LAW, RAY C. III (64)
Services: Saturday 11 a.m.
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Calling Hours: Friday 6 to 8 p.m.
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KRYK, HELEN M. (87)
Graveside Services: Saturday 11 a.m.
Grandview Cemetery
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BLYTHE, WALTER J. "TOBY" (88)
Services: Saturday 2 p.m.
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Funeral Mass: Saturday 10 a.m.
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Calling Hours: Saturday 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
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Memorial Services at a later date
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DUNN, BETTY (88)
Arrangements Pending

WOOD, MARJORIE (85)
Arrangements Pending

SHERIFF

— A Bayard Road, Minerva, woman reported at 11:30 a.m. Monday her ex-boyfriend has been sending threatening text messages such as suggesting she should "sleep with one eye open" or that she "will die a slow death."

— A Walnut Street, Rogers, woman reported at 4:53 p.m. Monday her son was at her home earlier yelling at her and then left. She also offered to turn herself in on a warrant on a later date.

— A Sandy Creek Road, Minerva, woman reported at 10:49 p.m. Monday someone stole a GPS from her truck which was parked on her front yard with the doors unlocked. When deputies suggested she should have locked her doors with expensive equipment inside, she reportedly was upset deputies were not providing additional patrols on her street, which she has asked for in the past. Deputies explained the county is 532 square miles and only two deputies were available to patrol.

— A North Canton woman reported a domestic situation at 2:43 a.m. Tuesday at a home on First Street, Hanoverton. They had been drinking, but her boyfriend wanted to leave. She took his keys from him, so he reportedly became upset, broke the driver's side window of her car and ripped the car's door handle off. He left before deputies arrived, leaving behind only blood where he had cut himself.

— A U.S. Route 30, Minerva, woman reported at 6:14 p.m. Tuesday her daughter was receiving harassing phone messages from her father.

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OUR SIDE

Progress evident in the Utica area

With BP's announcement about moving its Ohio headquarters to North Jackson and drilling 10 Trumbull County wells by April, it's a good time to look at how much progress is being made in the oil and natural gas industry.

BP on Monday announced that it has leased 43,000 square feet of office and warehouse space in Youngstown Commerce Park for its Utica Operations Center. It will maintain a presence in the Chase Tower in downtown Warren.

While announcing its Commerce Park shale headquarters, BP's Ohio Operations Manager Joe Uppercue said Northeast Ohio, including Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties, will soon be overwhelmed by the development of pipeline infrastructure and midstream processing factories.

Two days later a study was released indicating that by 2025 Ohio will rank third in the continental U.S. with 187,829 unconventional oil and natural gas-related jobs. This year Ohio ranked 10th with 38,830 such jobs.

And then a day after that, Dominion and Caiman Energy announced a \$1.5 billion partnership to develop infrastructure in the Utica Shale region.

This adds up to a nice Christmas present for the Mahoning Valley, which more and more inches closer to becoming an epicenter for world-wide geopolitical change.

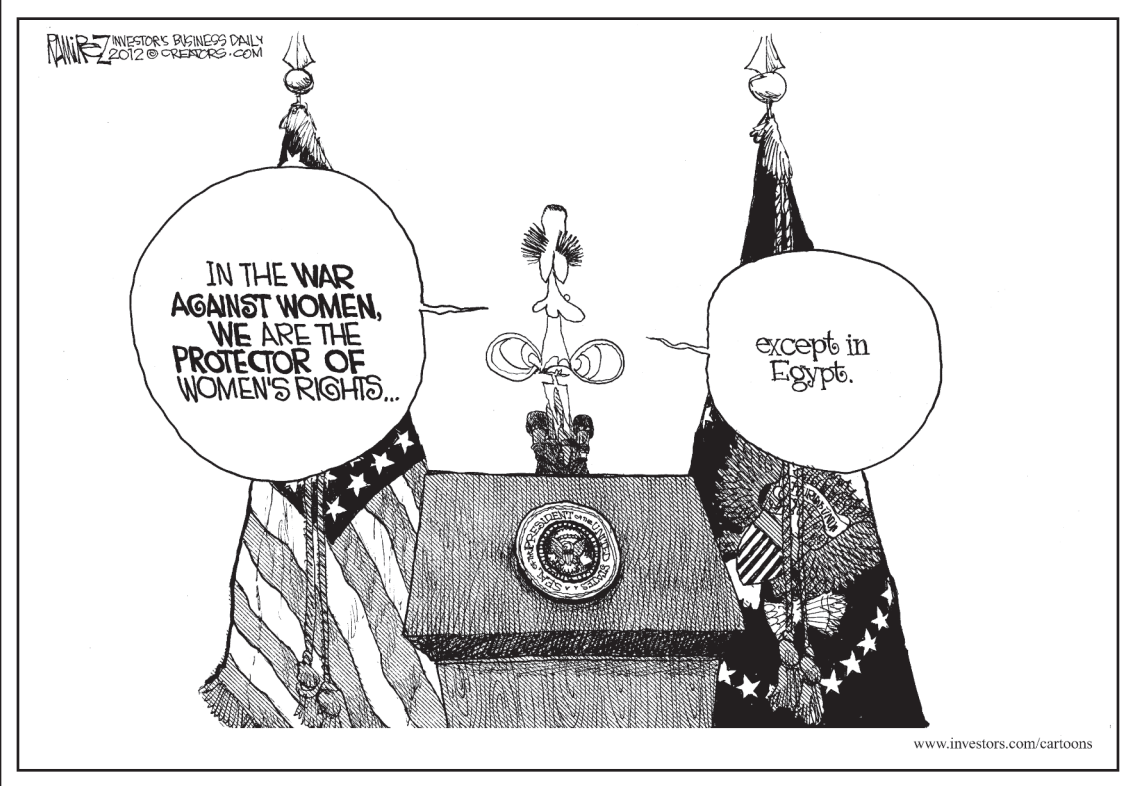
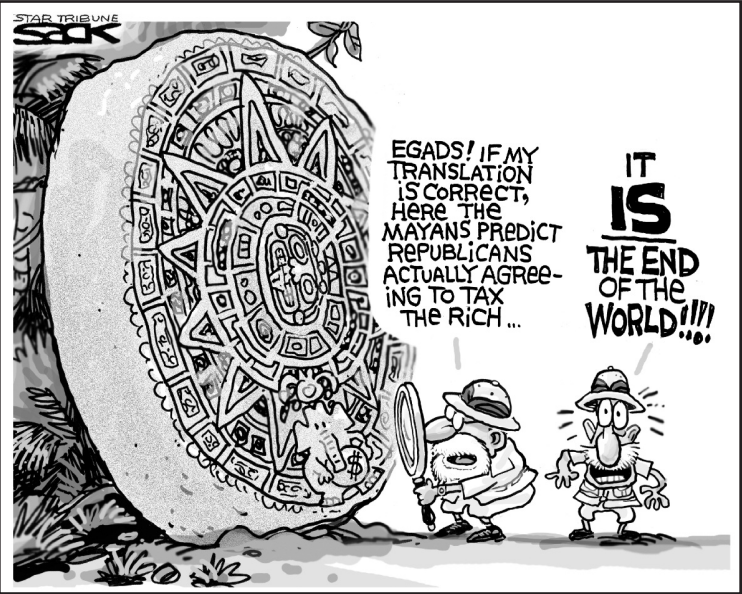
Consider some of these developments:

- Without passage of the controversial cap-and-trade legislation, America's greenhouse emissions dropped to its lowest level since 1992 as the nation began migrating from coal plants to natural gas.
- A headline in The Wall Street Journal last month proclaimed, "U.S. Redraws World oil Map." The story that followed reported that by 2020 America could be the world's largest oil producer, because of shale development.
- Earlier this month U.S. Rep. Edwad Markey, ranking member of the House's Natural Resources Committee, declared that natural gas would be "one of the five great story lines for the 21st Century."
- Environmental zealots who oppose fracking, the method of extracting oil and natural gas from shale formations, continue to have their propaganda debunked. Epidemiologists recently announced that a statement in the anti-fracking movie "Gasland," that fracking causes breast cancer, is false. And paper trails show that the anti-fracking movie "Promised Land," was financed by Middle East oil interests who are sure to lose big time when the shale reserves are fully developed.
- To capitalize on this, the Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber spent three days in Texas this month holding 13 meetings with companies that could locate in the Mahoning Valley.

It appears the effort is worthwhile. In 2013, as BP explores its first 10 Trumbull County wells that tap into the Utica, the Mahoning Valley should hear about pipeline and midstream factory projects as BP alone expects to invest \$100 million in Trumbull drilling operations.

As Energy Institute President and CEO Karen Harbert said last week, "Shale energy is a game-changer for America and for Ohio."

And for the Mahoning Valley.



Not so merry times for Congress, Obama



JULES WITCOVER

WASHINGTON — Such is the state of American politics that the president and members of Congress fled home for Christmas Day as an brief escape from stalemate, rather than the customarily joyous return to their happy family hearths.

President Obama returned to Hawaii, the state of his birth in the eyes of all but the desperate deniers. House and Senate members went home to be with their loved ones and their constituents, many of them distinctly unloving on at least two crises crying out for immediate attention.

The first, of course, is the approaching "fiscal cliff" at year's end. The second is the national horror over the slaughter of 20 small children and six attending adults in the elementary school in a devastated Newtown, Conn.

Beyond the notion that both president and Congress should have remained on the job in Washington through the year's most cherished religious holiday, there is a sense of futility if not despair that in both cases, a dysfunctional political system is bogged down in place.

Regarding the fiscal stalemate, a hapless House Speaker John Boehner, struggling to extricate himself and his party hog-tied by its tea party and other anti-tax extremists, miscalculated in thinking common sense would somehow strike them and permit some modest compromise. Instead, they flatly rejected his proposal to raise taxes only on millionaires, putting the crisis back in limbo.

Concerning even minimal response to the Newtown nightmare of restoring the lapsed 1994 ban on semi-automatic weapons of the sort that pumped 11 bullets into a single first-grader, there was no immediate action taken by the fleeing legislators.

When that nightmare in broad daylight first became known, President Obama merely expressed the same horror the rest of us felt. His press spokesman said for himself he didn't think it was "a day for discussion of the usual Washington policy debates" on gun control. Only two days later did Obama promise grieving Newtown residents he would use "whatever power this of-

fice holds" to deal with the catastrophe, again without specifics.

It was not until three more days when the spokesman allowed that the president still supported banning the assault weapons, and Obama then announced a task force headed by Vice President Joe Biden to produce a more comprehensive plan to address the matter. One can wonder: what might the reaction have been had he called for emergency action by Congress, when public passion was so enflamed against the crime, to restore that ban at once? At least the lines would have been clearly drawn on that one key part of the equation, with time enough to consider other aspects later.

One answer came last Friday from National Rifle Association kingpin Wayne LaPierre. In a defiant, media-bashing tirade, he called for putting armed security guards in every school in America, insisting that "the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun in gun is a good guy with a gun."

The NRA's chief defender, in verbally attacking those who advocate stopping the flow of more rapid-firing weapons and the multi-ammunition clips, only raised questions about his own political savvy, not to mention sanity. The tabloid New York Post ran his picture on its front page captioned "Gun Nut!" He was speaking more to his like-minded membership, including gun manufacturers, than to the public at large.

Meanwhile, American television, in keeping with the season, resumed the old Christmas movies replete with tiny tots with their eyes all aglow, anticipating Santa Claus and presents under the tree. Their shining faces could not fail to bring tears to many others in Newtown and around the country.

Any thought of denying the president and members of Congress spending Christmas Day with their families would surely also conjure up Ebenezer Scrooge. But even Scrooge made amends for past shortcomings in the end. One can only hope that when our government gets back to business later this week, it will do so with greater urgency than it has on these two vital issues so far.

(Jules Witcover's latest book is "Joe Biden: A Life of Trial and Redemption" (William Morrow). You can respond to this column at juleswitcover@comcast.net.)

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OTHER VOICES

Dec. 16 — *The New York Times* on big decision on Afghanistan.

One only has to read the Pentagon's progress report on the Afghanistan war effort released last Monday to understand how pointless it is to keep 68,000 American troops there any longer. The mounting evidence makes it clear that they should be pulled out as soon as it can be done safely, instead of waiting until the end of 2014, the date set by the United States and NATO. Yet the White House is now signaling that the decision on how quickly they will come home will not be made before next year.

The United States has spent a decade and \$39 billion to recruit, train and equip a 350,000-member Afghan security force, including the army and police, which is supposed to defend the country when the Americans leave. President George W. Bush gave the effort short shrift when he shifted focus to Iraq. But even after President Obama's considerable investment, the Pentagon says that only one of the Afghan National Army's 23 brigades is able to operate independently, without air or other military support from the United States and NATO.

Although the report said Afghan forces are "increasingly taking over responsibility for securing Afghanistan," that doesn't mean keeping troops there will do anything but delay the inevitable. ...

The additional "surge" of 33,000 American troops in 2009 to drive the Taliban from their southern stronghold to the negotiating table weakened the extremists. But they remain "adaptive and determined" and able to conduct "isolated high-profile attacks," the report said. Negotiations have gotten nowhere. ...

The United States has made mistakes in Afghanistan. But it has also afforded the Afghans a chance to build a better state. Commitments by the Obama administration and European allies to provide billions of dollars to support the security forces and finance economic development projects should be kept as long as they seem useful. But Obama should overrule any plan from the military commanders to keep most of the 68,000 troops there through 2014.

Online: <http://www.nytimes.com>

Seven things parents can do post-Newtown without government



These simple common-sense steps are adapted from a post I published on my blog after the horrific Newtown, Conn., massacre. Our hearts ache, but we are not completely helpless or hopeless in the face of evil and the unknown.

And we are not alone. This Christmas, cherish life, keep faith and practice self-empowerment.

7. Teach our kids about the acts of heroes in times of crisis. Tell them about Newtown teacher Vicki Soto's self-sacrifice and bravery. Tell them about Clackamas mall shopper Nick Meli, a concealed-carry permit-holder whose quick action may have prevented additional deaths. Tell them about Family Research Council security guard Leo Johnson, who protected workers from a crazed gunman. Tell them about the heroic men in the Aurora movie theater who gave their lives taking bullets for their loved ones. Tell them about armed Holocaust Museum security guard Stephen Tyrone Johns, who died fighting back against the museum's nut-

ball attacker. Tell them about armed private citizen Jeanne Assam, who gunned down the New Life Church attacker in Colorado Springs and saved untold lives.

6. Train our kids. When they see something troublesome or wrong, say something. Students, teachers and parents, if a young classmate exhibits bizarre or violent behavior toward himself or herself, report it right away. If it gets ignored, say it louder. Don't give up. Don't just shrug off the "weirdo" saying or doing dangerous things, and don't just hope someone else will act.

5. Limit our kids' time online, and control their exposure to desensitizing cultural influences. Turn off the TV. Get them off the bloody video games. Protect them from age-inappropriate Hollywood violence. Make sure they are active and engaged with us and the world, and not pent up in a room online every waking moment.

4. If you see a parent struggling with an out-of-control child, don't look the other way. If you are able to offer any kind of help (your time, resources, wisdom), do it. Don't wait.

3. We still don't know the medical condition of the Newtown shooter. But we do know that social stigmas are strong. We don't need government to take immediate, individual action to break those stigmas.

There are millions of children, teens and young adults suffering from very real mental illnesses. Be silent no more about your family's experiences, your struggles, your pains and your fears. Speak up.

2. Prepare and protect your community. Joe Cascarelli of Westcliffe, Colo., wrote me about how he and other citizens took their children's safety into their own hands. "It was 10 years ago that our sheriff put an ad in the local paper to initiate the formation of the Sheriff's Posse. About 40 of us volunteered; today we have about 20 active Posse members. Eight years ago, the Posse command staff offered to provide the local school district with daily security patrols when the school was in session, at school athletic events and during school dances including the annual prom." Law enforcement conducted emergency drills, training to prepare for mass shootings and joint sessions with first responders.

"The Posse has continued its patrols at school events and during the school day. Posse patrols have become a visible, accepted part of our community," Cascarelli told me. "Anyone intent on harm would see armed uniformed personnel at the school daily. The Posse even has an Amber Alert at the local rodeo. When an atrocity like Columbine, Virginia Tech and most recently

in Newtown, Conn., happens, all we hear is carefully crafted words of grief, heartrending interviews with parents, and TV's talking heads with knee-jerk 'solutions.' Well, our little community has implemented a local solution. Trained, armed volunteers daily protect our children. What is the matter with the rest of the country? Where are concerned parents and citizens willing to carve out some time to provide similar security?"

1. Teach our kids to value and respect life by valuing and respecting them always. And in loving and valuing life, teach them also not to fear death. The Catholic hymn "Be Not Afraid" offers time-tested solace and sage advice:

*If you pass through raging waters, in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amidst the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you, through it all.
Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come follow Me and I shall give you rest.*

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ACROSS OUR COMMUNITIES

New Year’s Eve Salem at Masonic Temple

SALEM — The Masonic Temple at 788 E. State St. is among the venues to visit during New Year’s Eve Salem. Dinner will be served beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 31 followed by Bluegrass and country music entertainment provided by The Stockdale Family Band, The Allegheny Drifters, and Zack Paxton, rotating from 6 to 10:50 p.m.

Turkey dinners will be served complete with mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, cake and a beverage for \$7. Hot turkey sandwiches with gravy and a beverage will be sold for \$4; and a sloppy joe sandwich with a pickle and chips for \$3. Sides offered at \$1 each will include mashed potatoes, green beans, cake, and beverages. Also available after 6 p.m. will be slices of East of Chicago Pizza for \$1.50 each.

Salem 1951 meeting canceled

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1951 has canceled its meeting on Jan. 2. The next breakfast is scheduled at 9 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Skyline Diner.

Salem 1956 lunch set at Salem Hills

SALEM — The Salem High School Class of 1956 will meet for its bi-monthly luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club. Spouses and friends are welcome.

Entry classes offered by radio group

SALEM — The Salem Area Amateur Radio Association will hold entry level classes starting at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the home of Ginger Grilli, 1530 E. State St. Manuals may be purchased. To register call 330-549-3051.

Women’s Night Out event set March 20

SALEM — Sponsorship, advertising and vendor tables are now available for those who participated in the 2012 Salem Community Center Women’s Night Out. The fourth annual event will be held on March 20. New participants may register beginning Jan. 2. Vendor space may be limited by product. For information call 330-332-5885 or stop by the SCC front desk.

BERLIN
FROM 1A

doesn’t have the major crime problems that bigger cities around the area, maybe 30 miles away, have, but the city isn’t immune from crime, either.

Berlin doesn’t own a gun, but said he’s not opposed to other people having guns. He also said the group didn’t just start with what happened in Connecticut, with the recent school shooting.

Simply saying that no one should have guns isn’t the answer, but he agreed some requirements need to be in place.

“You have to start somewhere,” he said.

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Thief cuts way into One Stop, safe
Staff Reports

HANOVERTON — A thief who cut his way into the One Stop in Hanoverton overnight is being sought by the Columbiana County Sheriff Department.

Tiffany Altman, a manager at the Hanoverton One Stop, state Route 9, reported at 6:14 a.m. Wednesday someone broke into the rear storage room by cutting a hole in the metal siding. The thief then pushed in some paneling to gain entrance into the room.

Next the thief cut through a wall inside the building between two rooms to avoid triggering an alarm system on the door.

A hole was cut into the top of a floor safe in the office and the contents removed. Surveillance video showed a man with a hoodie and ski mask on inside the second room.

About \$1,000 is believed to have been taken from the safe.



County Park District board

Eileen Dray-Bardon and Rachael Esterly were recently sworn in as the newest members of the Columbiana County Park District, which was expanded from three members to five. Pictured, from left, are board member Mike West, who was elected to a fourth term on the board; Dray-Bardon; Esterly; county Juvenile/Probate Court Judge Thomas Baronzzi, who administered the oath office; and holdover board members Dottie Betz and Tom Butch. (Submitted photo)

US economy could handle short fall over ‘cliff’

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economic threat that’s kept many Americans on edge for months is nearing reality — unless the White House and Republicans cut a budget deal by New Year’s Day. Huge tax increases. Deep cuts in domestic and defense programs. The likelihood of sinking stock prices, reduced consumer spending and corporate layoffs. The risk of a recession within months.

Still, the start of 2013 may turn out to be far less bleak than feared. For one thing, the two sides may strike a short-term agreement before New Year’s that postpones spending cuts until spring. President Barack Obama and members of Congress return to Washington Thursday.

Even if New Year’s passed with no deal, businesses and consumers would not likely panic as long as the agreement seemed imminent. The \$671 billion in tax increases and spending cuts could be retroactively repealed.

And the impact of the tax increases would be felt only gradually. Most people would receive slightly less money in each paycheck.

“The simple conclusion that going off the cliff necessarily means a recession next year is wrong,” says Lewis Alexander, an economist at Nomura Securities. “It will ultimately depend on how long the policies are in place.”

It’s always possible that negotiations between President Obama and Republican congressional leaders will collapse in acrimony. The prospect of permanent tax increases and spending cuts could cause many consumers and businesses to delay spending, hiring or expanding.

Without any agreement at all for months, the fiscal cliff would cause the U.S. economy to shrink 0.5 percent in the first half of 2013 and fall into recession, the Congressional Budget Office estimates. But most economists expect a deal, if not by New Year’s then soon after. Businesses and consumers will likely remain calm as long as negotiators seem to be moving toward an agreement.

“The atmosphere is more important than whether the talks spill” into next year, said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics.

Here’s why many are optimistic that a brief fall over the cliff wouldn’t derail the economic recovery:

— Though the fiscal cliff would boost taxes by \$586 billion for all of 2013, the tax hit for most people would be modest at first. The expiration of Social Security and income tax cuts would be spread throughout 2013. For taxpayers with incomes of \$40,000 to \$65,000, paychecks would shrink an average of about \$1,500 next year. That would be a significant bite over the full year, but the initial hit would be just \$130 in January, according to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

— About a third of the tax increases wouldn’t touch most Americans. Some would hit businesses. Others, such as higher taxes on investment income and estates, and the expiration of middle-income tax credits, wouldn’t come due until Americans filed their 2013 taxes in 2014.

— The Internal Revenue Service has delayed any increases in tax withholding that would otherwise kick in. Without a deal, the top income tax rate for

single people with taxable income between about \$36,000 and \$88,000 would rise from 25 percent to 28 percent. But that won’t start to reduce Americans’ paychecks in early January, even if no deal is reached by then.

— About \$85 billion in spending cuts to defense and domestic programs would take weeks or longer to take effect. That means government agencies wouldn’t cut jobs right away.

If a short-term agreement is struck, some taxes would probably still go up. These would include a 2 percentage point cut in Social Security taxes that’s been in place for two years. Its expiration would cost the typical household about \$1,000 a year. With income gains sluggish, that could dampen consumer spending. A temporary deal that delays some hard decisions could reduce business and consumer confidence. It would also mean:

— Extended unemployment benefits would end for 2 million people. The federal government’s program pays for about 32 weeks of extra benefits, on average, on top of the 26 weeks most states provide. Weekly unemployment checks average about \$320 nationwide.

— The stock market would probably drop, though maybe not by much. Many Wall Street analysts expect a partial deal of some kind. “There is starting to become a little bit of an acceptance that we fall off the fiscal cliff,” said J.J. Kinahan, a strategist for TD Ameritrade.

— The expiration of the Social Security tax cut and the end of emergency unemployment benefits would likely shave 0.7 percentage point off economic growth next year, the CBO estimates.

Study ties drug shortage to poorer
cancer survival rate in young patients

By the Associated Press

Young cancer patients who couldn’t get a key medicine because of a national drug shortage were more likely to suffer a relapse than others who were able to get the preferred treatment, doctors report. It’s the first evidence that a long-standing drug-supply problem probably has affected cancer treatment results in specific patients.

The study involved more than 200 children and young adults with a blood cancer called Hodgkin lymphoma. Like childhood leukemia, it can be cured nearly 80 percent of the time. But a drug shortage that has worsened since 2009 is threatening that success rate, doctors report in Thursday’s New England Journal of Medicine.

Hundreds of drugs, including sedatives, antibiotics, painkillers and cancer treatments, have gone in and out of short supply in recent years. Reasons include manufacturing and contamination problems, plant shutdowns, and fewer makers and lower profits for certain drugs, especially generics infused during surgery or cancer treatment.

Doctors sometimes substitute different drugs for ones in short supply. But proving that the swaps led to poorer results has been tough, especially for cancer patients whose disease and response to treatment vary so much.

“We really couldn’t put our finger on, did anybody really suffer?” said Dr. Michael Link, a cancer specialist at Stanford University and past president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

The new study, led by Dr. Monika Metzger of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in

Memphis, gives the best evidence so far that patients are suffering.

It focused on mechlorethamine, or nitrogen mustard, a drug that has been in short supply until last month, when more became available. Doctors compared results among 181 Hodgkin lymphoma patients who received the drug to 40 others who were given a different chemotherapy, cyclophosphamide, when the first choice was unavailable.

Only 75 percent of those given the substitute drug stayed free of cancer for two years versus 88 percent who received the preferred treatment.

“We can think of no credible explanation for this dramatic difference” other than the drug substitution, the authors wrote.

No patients died, but those who relapsed were given more aggressive treatments, including stem-cell transplants that have more side effects and can harm fertility.

One of them was Abby Alonzo, of Port St. Lucie, Fla. She was diagnosed with lymphoma three years ago, when she was 10. After eight weeks of treatment with the preferred drug, “she was doing wonderfully,” said her mother, Katie Alonzo.

Then doctors said they were out of it.

“I said, what do you mean, we don’t have the medication my child needs?” Katie Alonzo said.

After four weeks on the substitute chemo, Abby’s cancer had returned and spread to more places, her mother said. The child received high doses of chemotherapy and radiation and now seems cancer-free, although the treatments damaged her lung capacity, leaving her short of breath.



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HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS
12/27/12
Saturn Cleans Up Christmas Aftermath

If you didn't get all that you wanted for Christmas and you just can't shake the longing that goes with that unfulfilled desire, you're not so bad off. Yearning makes the mind obsidian-sharp. The relationship between Saturn and Pluto brings an opportunity to steel your discipline and clarify your goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's not just one way to feel good. Your good feelings will take many forms today, including a thrill in your belly, a spark in your mind and the warm buzz of social acceptance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your confidence may dip for a no good reason. Chalk it up to a combination of social circumstances, weather, chemistry and your general mood. A small achievement will be all it takes to buoy you anew.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You like creative people because they get your humor, solve your problems and easily relate to their own kind, namely you. You'll explore a few of the many ways there are to be creative.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone's a critic, but not everyone is qualified to be one. Only listen to feedback from those who know you and your work well and have an honest interest in seeing you improve.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What motivates people to behave the way they do? What motivates you? These questions will be answered in some regard. Where there was vagueness, you will now have clarity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Caution is not the same thing as pessimism. Your realistic assessment of a situation may inform you that it's unwise to rush in, especially when you can easily test the waters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It will take one small move to change a situation. But which one? If only there were an expert you could call. Alas, trial and error is the only way to figure this one out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A feeling of "let's get this over with" may lead you into action, but you'll soon get with the program — and not because you have to, but because you want to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your impulse to move on comes with mixed feelings. Sure, a rolling stone gathers no moss. But maybe that's a good thing. Who said that stones need moss to be awesome?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What's appropriate in one situation is terribly wrong in another. The nuanced nature of etiquette makes it difficult to determine what is best for today's scene, so follow the lead of someone who's been there before.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your capacity to love keeps getting bigger. You're not exactly learning something new about your family, but you'll come to understand what you know in a new light.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Often the difference between true and false depends on whom you ask. You'll have a very different opinion about what occurs today than the others around you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 27). Your focus on home, family and closer ties will bring success on many levels. Desire will be fulfilled in March. Emotional attachments change, and relationships grow through April. June brings a most favorable working arrangement. You could buy or sell a home in August. Aquarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 2, 14, 38 and 40.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Sagittarius dating a Leo I like a lot, but I don't want to make her my exclusive girlfriend right now. She assumes she's the only one in my life, and when other girls call, she goes crazy. Seems like I'm not that good at apologizing or explaining anything to her."

Your sign has wild oats to sow. You're better off making that clear to your dates from the beginning. The justifications you make to your Leo provide her with the ammunition to continue arguing. Also, by explaining yourself, you position yourself in a lower status than your Leo, implicitly asking her to approve of your story, motives and claims. You are suggesting that you don't have the right to do what you do, want what you want or feel what you feel. My suggestion is to stop apologizing, explaining and justifying your actions and come clean — to yourself and to your Leo — with the truth about what you want. You want a non-exclusive relationship. You want to date her and others. You want to be with someone who can understand and respect this. I predict you'll not only find the truth liberating, but you also just might get what you really want.

Recycling used cards



Heloise

Dear Heloise: I was wondering if you have the address for MAILING USED GREETING CARDS. I have a box of cards that I have received during the past few years, but not the address to send them to. — **Eleanor, via email**

You want to send these cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children (a fantastic organization that for more than 30 years has cared for children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned). Old cards are recycled and new ones created, which are sold to help fund its programs.

- Here are some things to know:
- Cards are accepted all year long.
 - All types of greeting cards are accepted: birthday, thank-you, holiday-themed and all-occasion.
 - Only the front of the card is used. Make sure there is no writing on the backside.
 - Five-inch by 7-inch size or smaller is the best to send.
 - No Disney, Hallmark or American Greetings cards can be accepted.
 - The most cost-effective way to send these card fronts is in a Flat Rate Box from the U.S. Postal Service.

Mail donations to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children
Recycled Card Program
100 St. Jude's Street
Boulder City, NV 89005

You can go online to www.stjudesranch.org for more information. To purchase greeting cards created by the children, call 877-977-SJRC (7572). — **Heloise**

POLISHED PANTS

Dear Heloise: Is there any chance of removing clear nail polish from one of my favorite pairs of slacks? I've tried nail-polish remover and then laundering, with no success. Any suggestions? — **Lenore F. in New Jersey**

Spilled nail polish can be a real pain! The nail-polish remover you tried on the stain probably was nonacetone, which is too gentle to truly "lift" the nail polish from the fabric. Go to a beauty-supply shop or drug-store and pick up pure acetone; test it in a small, concealable spot for discoloration. Then place the stain facedown on paper towels and gently sponge over the stain before laundering. Be sure the stained fabric does not contain triacetate or acetate; if it does, you can use only amyl acetate to treat it so the fabric doesn't disintegrate. — **Heloise**

SAVING FACE

Dear Heloise: The facial-cleansing pads are too large and have an abundance of cleaner for just one-time usage. So, I sterilize a pair of scissors and cut the pads into thirds. I store them in a plastic soap dish with a secure top so that the pads do not dehydrate. — **Margarette, via email**

Sympathy wears thin for demanding friend

DEAR ABBY: How can I set healthy boundaries with my best friend without feeling guilty? I have always been supportive and available because I sympathized with her difficult family dynamics during childhood and adulthood. She often talks to me about her problems with family and ever-changing relationships with men, but rarely allows me or others to share their points of view or personal concerns. Saying "no" to her is challenging under any circumstance, and she demands that all focus be on her in social situations.

I love and accept my friend as she is, and I try to give her all the grace I have. I now realize that setting healthy boundaries is the only way I can sustain our friendship. I know this dynamic may put a strain on our relationship, so why do I feel so guilty? — **TESTED IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR TESTED: That's a good question, and one that I can't definitively answer for you. It's possible that like many women, you were raised to believe that if you assert yourself you won't be considered "nice." That's a mistake because as long as you allow this friend to take advantage of you — and that is what she's doing — the more your resentment will build until the relationship becomes one of diminishing returns. So tell this self-centered person as nicely as possible that you are not a therapist, and because her problems persist, she should talk to one.

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked the other day when a friend of mine said that many women remain in terrible marriages because of finances. She said those types of marriages are accepted worldwide, so why not in America? She also said she thinks that shame is attached if a woman admits the only reason she is staying with her husband is a monetary one.

The women she was talking about are baby boomers and older. After thinking about it, I remember my mother and mother-in-law saying that money was why they remained in their marriages. Is this as prevalent as my friend stated? I find it sad that this could be true. It reminds me of the Tina Turner song — what's love got to do with it? Could you comment, please? — **IN IT FOR LOVE**

DEAR IN IT: If you're asking if I have statistics on the number of women who stay married only for economic reasons, the answer is no. Most of the people who write to me are unhappy, which would skew the numbers in a negative direction.

I hope you realize that the women you have described — an older demographic — were probably not economically independent when they married. It was common in their generation to go straight from their parents' houses to their husbands'. For many years I — and my mother before me — have urged women to make sure they are self-supporting before they marry, "just in case" they may have to be afterward.

Staying in a marriage without love is like serving a life sentence with an incompatible cellmate. Your mother and mother-in-law have my sympathy, and so do their husbands.

DEAR ABBY: Do you ever get tired of giving advice to people who ask commonsense questions, or those who probably know the answer to their problems if they just thought it out? — **JIM IN WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR JIM: The answer to your question is no. I love what I do and consider it an honor to be trusted. While the reply to a question may be obvious to you, it isn't to the person who asks me. Common sense tends to go out the window when there are strong emotions involved.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

THURSDAY											DEC. 27	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
(2) (KDKA)	News		CBS	Insider	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		(01) Elementary '14'	News	Late Sh.	
(3) (WKYC)	News	News	News	Ent	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(4) (WTAE)	News	ABC	Inside	Ent	Charlie Brown		Grey's Anatomy '14'		(02) Scandal '14'	News	Nightline	
(5) (WEWS)	News	ABC	The List	Let's Ask	Charlie Brown		Grey's Anatomy '14'		(02) Scandal '14'	News	Nightline	
(8) (WJW)	Fox 8 News at 6PM	News	News	Big Bang	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	News	Big Bang	Seinfeld	
(9) (WTOV)	News (N)	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(11) (WPXI)	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(17) (WDLT)	(4:30) 'Left Behind'	Future	Potters	Behind	J. Osteen	Prince	Hillsong		Left Behind II: Tribulation Force			
(19) (WOIO)	News	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		(01) Elementary '14'	News	Late Sh.	
(21) (WFMY)	News	News	Inside	FamFeud	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center	News	Jay Leno	
(22) (WCWB)	American	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	Seinfeld	White Collar '14'	PG	White Collar '14'	PG	Friends	Baggage	Excused	
(23) (WVPX)	Without a Trace '14'	Without a Trace '14'	Without a Trace '14'	Without a Trace '14'	Without a Trace '14'	Without a Trace '14'	Without a Trace '14'	Without a Trace '14'	Criminal Minds '14'	Criminal Minds '14'		
(27) (WKBN)	First	CBS	Wheel	Jeopardy	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest		(01) Elementary '14'	First	Late Sh.	
(33) (WYTV)	News	ABC	Ent	Insider	Charlie Brown		Grey's Anatomy '14'		(02) Scandal '14'	News	Nightline	
(43) (WUAB)	Insider	Inside	Two Men	Two Men	White Collar '14'	PG	White Collar '14'	PG	News	Sports	Dish Nat.	Extra (N)
(49) (WEAO)	Sesame	Opinion	PBS NewsHour (N)	Doc Martin '14'	PG		New Tricks '14'		Micro Business	Newsline	Business	
(53) (WPGH)	Big Bang	Two Men	Big Bang	Two Men	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	Channel 11 News	Seinfeld	30 Rock	
(55) (WBNX)	There	Rules	Office	Office	The Vampire Diaries		Beauty & Beast		Friends	Friends	Rules	Raymond
(67) (WOAC)	Pastor	History	Walking	Nwsmch	TCT	Fel.	B. Hinn	Life	J Hagee	Yr Bible	Wom	Sayin
(A&E)	The First 48 '14'	The First 48 '14'	The First 48 '14'	The First 48 '14'			After the First 48 (N)		Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared		
(AMC)	(5:30) Movie: 'The Poseldon Adventure'				Movie: 'The Poseldon Adventure'				Movie: 'The Poseldon Adventure'			
(AP)	Gator Boys '14'	PG	Gator Boys '14'	PG	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys '14'	PG	Eating	Eating
(BET)	(5:30) Movie: 'Love & Basketball'				Apollo Live 'PG'		Apollo Live 'PG'		Movie: 'Beauty Shop' (2005)			
(BRAV)	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
(CNBC)	Mad Money (N)		The Kudlow Report		Trash Inc: The		Mark Zuckerberg		American Greed		Mad Money	
(CNN)	The Situation Room		E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront	
(CSPN)	(5:00) Public Affairs				Capitol Hill Hearings							
(DISC)	Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier		Last Frontier	
(DISN)	Phineas	Good	ANT	Jessie	Star New Year		Shake It	Gravity	ANT	Phineas	Jessie	Snake It
(E!)	LeAnn Rimes '14'		E! News (N)		The Soup	Love You	Kardash		Miami	Kourtney	Chelsea	E! News
(ESPN)	Football	College Football	Belk Bowl -- Cincinnati vs. Duke. (N) (Live)						College Football: Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl			
(ESPN2)	SportsCenter (N)		Audibles (N) (Live)		NFL Live			College Basketball			SportsCenter (N)	
(FAM)	(5:00) Movie: 'Elf'		(05) Movie: 'Hercules' (1997)				(10) Movie: 'Pocahontas' (1995)				The 700 Club 'PG'	
(FNC)	Special Report		FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
(FOOD)	Chopped 'G'		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped 'G'		Chopped		The Next Iron Chef	
(FSOH)	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Tennis Champions Series: New York.				World Poker Tour		Football	Cavaliers	World Poker Tour	
(GAC)	American Country Awards '14'				Top 50 Videos		Backstory (N)		Trevor	Trevor	GAC Late Shift 'PG'	
(HBO)	Sports	Movie: 'Gulliver's Travels' (N)			Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Boxing's Best	
(HGTV)	Home Strange		Hunt Intl	Hunters	Buying and Selling		Extreme Homes 'G'		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Extreme Homes 'G'	
(I)	Without a Trace '14'		Without a Trace '14'		Without a Trace '14'		Without a Trace '14'		Criminal Minds '14'		Criminal Minds '14'	
(LIFE)	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Project Runway		Project Runway		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
(MAX)	Birdcage (20) Movie: 'Big Stan'				(15) Movie: 'Wanderlust' (2012)				Movie: 'Hall Pass' (2011)		Naughty	
(MSNBC)	PoliticsNation (N)		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show	
(MTV)	(5:30) 'Catfish' '14'		Jersey Shore '14'		Jersey Shore '14'		To Be Announced				'Hairs Baked'	
(NICK)	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu Panda		Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se		Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends
(OVC)	Joan Rivers		Earth Brands		Susan Graver Style		Dooney & Bourke				Isaac Mizrahi Live	
(SHOW)	Movie: 'All Good Things' (2010) '14'				(7:50) Movie: 'Brake' (N)		(25) Movie: 'The Samaritan'				Old Porn	Teller
(SYFY)	(5:00) 'Primal'		Movie: 'Jeepers Creepers' (N)		Movie: 'Jeepers Creepers' (N)		Movie: 'Jeepers Creepers' (N)		Movie: 'Jeepers Creepers' (N)		'Boogeyman'	
(TBN)	(4:30) 'Left Behind'		Future	Potters	Behind	J. Osteen	Prince	Hillsong	Left Behind II: Tribulation Force			
(TCM)	(5:00) Movie: 'Funny Girl' (1957)				Movie: 'Black Widow' (1954)		(45) Movie: 'The Left Hand of God' (1955)				Return	
(TLC)	Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat		Sin City Rules '14'		Four Weddings 'PG'		Wives With Bee		Four Weddings 'PG'	
(TNN)	Jail '14'	Jail '14'	Jail '14'	Jail 'PG'	IMPACT Wrestling (N) '14'				Movie: 'Universal Soldier: Regeneration' (2009)			
(TNT)	The Mentalist '14'		The Mentalist '14'		NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder						NBA Basketball	
(TOON)	Gumball	Gumball	Adven	Annoying	MAD 'PG'	Regular	KingHill	KingHill	American	American	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy
(TRAV)	No Reservation		No Reservation		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum		Mysteries-Museum	
(TRUTV)	Cops '14'		Cops '14'		Wipeout 'PG' (N)		Wipeout 'PG' (N)		Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers
(TVLAND)	M'A'S'H	M'A'S'H	M'A'S'H	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
(USA)	(5:00) 'The Back-up Plan' (2006)		Movie: 'Couples Retreat' (2009)		Vince Vaughn.				Movie: 'The Back-up Plan' (2010)			
(WGN)	Chris	Chris	Funny Home Videos		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		Funny Home Videos	
(WTBS)	King	King	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy '14'		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	

Female knee is a very vulnerable joint



Dr. Donohue

ligament in her knee. The youngest girl is following in their footsteps. How can she protect her knees? Is there something about the female knee? — **G.K.**

ANSWER: There is something about the female knee. The female pelvis is wider than the male pelvis, most likely to accommodate infant delivery. The consequence of this structural difference results in the female hips being apart at a greater distance than are the male hips. That, in turn, puts stress on the female knee and the ligaments that hold the knee in place.

A torn anterior cruciate ligament is a common female injury. The anterior cruciate ligament keeps the lower leg bone, the tibia, in line with the thigh bone, the femur. Without this ligament, which some liken to a car's seat belt, the tibia would slide forward. It stabilizes the knee. Female gymnasts and soccer players are the ones most prone to tear the ligament. The injury doesn't come about from colliding with other players or the ground; it comes about when the athlete makes twisting movements or cuts to the side while running.

A torn anterior cruciate ligament has a poor blood supply, so it doesn't heal well. Repairing the ligament involves taking a piece of tissue from a tendon — the kneecap tendon is often chosen — and fashioning a ligament from it. After surgery, four to six months of physical therapy are prescribed to keep the new liga-

DEAR DRs.

DONOHUE AND ROACH: I have five children: two boys and three girls. All are athletic. The boys played football and basketball. They never had a single injury in four years of high school. Two girls were gymnasts. Both had knee problems. One had to be operated on because of a torn

ment strong and tear-resistant.

Some people choose not to have surgery. If a person doesn't engage in strenuous physical activities, that's an option. These people require extended physical therapy. They manage pretty well without surgical correction. The choice of surgery or physical therapy only is a matter that should be discussed with the orthopedic surgeon. He or she can guide the injured person's decision. Your youngest daughter needs a program of leg-muscle strengthening to prevent this sort of injury.

DEAR DRs. DONOHUE AND ROACH: I am 88 and in good condition, except for one problem — my balance. I haven't fallen, but I worry about falling. Do you have any exercises to improve balance? — **R.M.**

ANSWER: Balance depends on a complex coordination of input coming from the ear's balance organ, the eyes' interpretation of the terrain and sensors in the legs and feet. Balance is not as good in older ages as it once was.

A simple balance exercise is heel-to-toe walking. When taking a step, put the heel of one foot in front of the toes of the other foot. Keep walking in this manner for at least a couple of minutes. If it makes you wobble, get a partner who can steady you.

DEAR DRs. DONOHUE AND ROACH: What's a MET? I am interested in the science behind exercise, and this term keeps popping up. — **S.O.**

ANSWER: A "MET" is a "metabolic equivalent." It quantifies the energy cost of exercises. It gives a more precise estimate of energy expenditure than do calories.

One MET is the amount of energy expended when sitting quietly in a chair. It's based on the amount of oxygen consumed during the activity. A MET equals 3.5 ml of oxygen consumed per kilogram of body weight per minute.

One to three METs is light exercise; three to six METs are moderate exercise; METs greater than six indicate vigorous exercise. If you're more comfortable using calories, do so.

Rachel's keeps male roomates as pets



Annie's Mailbox

Rachel has two male roommates who I'm pretty sure were recently homeless. She feeds them and cleans up after them. She has always had an extraordinarily generous heart, and while I admire this, I can't help feeling a little concerned. Not only are these men taking advantage of Rachel, but they aren't very clean, and they cough all over everything. They have a dog who hasn't been bathed in some time, but is eager to give kisses. Rachel allows this dog to lick up leftovers from dinner, and the plates are left in the sink for days before she washes them.

Am I simply being too judgmental about her living situation, or am I right to worry about her health? I find myself not wanting to step foot in her house again. — **Worried and Confused in California**

Dear Worried: As long as the dishes are

eventually washed with soap and water, it doesn't matter that the dog licked them and they are piled in the sink. And if Rachel likes to feed and clean up after her roommates, that is her choice. The coughing is an issue only if it is causing Rachel to become ill. But it seems to us that Rachel is at loose ends and is possibly using her caregiving skills as a means to avoid finding a job. You can express your concern and suggest she talk to a professional, but beyond that, she has to steer her own course.

Dear Annie: We are very private people and do not have, nor do we want, a Facebook account. Our friend knows this, but when we sent her a picture of our newest grandchild via e-mail, she posted this picture with full details on her Facebook page without our permission.

We didn't say anything to her, but of course, we no longer send her any photographs. Please tell your readers that posting such things without permission is a violation of someone's trust in you. Do you agree? — **Not a Facebook Fan**

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**THU/27
DAMASCUS**
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1955, breakfast, 10 a.m., Taste of Country.

Beaver Local Board of Education, Buildings and Grounds Committee, 5:30 p.m., high school room 2.

Help Hotline Crisis Center's support group of the Survivors of Suicide, meeting, 6 p.m., Columbiana County Counseling Center, SR 154; 330-424-7767.

Beaver Local Board of Education, special session, 5:15 p.m., room two at the high school.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Salem High School Class of 1954, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311. Salem City Board of Health, public hearing on food service fees, 9:30 a.m., health department, KSU City Center.

Salem City Board of Health meeting, 10 a.m., health department, KSU City Center.

Kaiser/National retirees and past employees, breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Adele's Place.

**FRI/28
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP**
Trustees, special meeting, noon, township government building, Fairfield School Road.

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., Administration Building.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Community Hospital and Salem Community Center's blood drive, 1-7 p.m., at SCC, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave. Appointments, 330-332-7227. Walk-ins accepted.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

**SAT/29
NORTH LIMA**
All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet, 7-10 a.m., North Lima Mennonite Church, 90 Mennonite Drive; donations accepted.

... ON THE **Calendar** THIS WEEK ...

**SUN/30
SALEM**
Salem High School Class of 1969, New Year's Eve celebration, noon, BB Rooners.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532. Carry-outs, 330-427-2533.

**MON/31
NORTH LIMA**
New Year's Eve Victory Gospel Jubilee, 7 p.m., North Lima Business Complex. Buffet dinner by the Hen House Cafe, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$12. Reservations and free Jubilee tickets, 800-284-9709.

SALEM
New Year's Eve Salem at the Masonic Temple, 788 E. State St. Turkey dinners, sandwiches, sides and pizza, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The Stockdale Family Band, The Allegheny Drifters, and Zack Paxton, rotating from 6-10:50 p.m.

Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; pork loin and sauerkraut. Butch Hallowell will perform Christmas carols.

New Year's Eve party, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 892, 496 Arch St. Music by Damaged Goods; \$5 for non-members.

Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

New Year's Eve dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Slovak Club, 313 S. Ellsworth Ave.; cash bar. Admission free to members, \$5 for non-members. Party favors and food included; tickets, 330-337-8067.

**TUE/1
SALEM**
Salem Community Pantry, closed today.

**WED/2
LEETONIA**
Book discussion, Anita Shreve's "Light on Snow," 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake

Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

**THU/3
DAMASCUS**
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

LEETONIA
Red Cross blood drive, 12:30-5:30 p.m.; blood pressure screening, 1-3 p.m.; Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem Bird Study Club, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 436 E. Second St.; use rear entrance.

**FRI/4
NEGLEY**
American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., and open house, Negley Masonic Lodge, 50873 Richardson Ave.; appointments, redcrossblood.org or 800-733-2767.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

**SAT/5
GOSHEN TOWNSHIP**
Board of trustees, 9 a.m., administration building.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1972, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1949, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Salem High School Class of 1963, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

**SUN/6
SEBRING**
American Legion Post 76, monthly breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, post home, 395 W. California Ave.

**MON/7
COLUMBIANA**
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

LEETONIA
Restoration, Renovation, and Beautification Committee of Columbiana, meeting, 6:30 p.m., Columbiana Womens Club.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, First Friends Church, 1028 Jennings Ave.; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Salvation Army; 330-332-1045.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

**TUE/8
LEETONIA**
Leetonia Community Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

SALEM
Salem Community Hospital retirees and former employees, informal lunch, 11 a.m., Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem High School Class of 1968, dinner, 6 p.m., Ricky's English Pub.

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

**WED/9
LEETONIA**
Toddler Playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Men of the Salem High School Class of 1960, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

Salem High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Skyline Diner.

Salem High School Class of 1956, bi-monthly luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

**THU/10
DAMASCUS**
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

SALEM
TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-332-1127. Handicap accessible. Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem High School Class of 1968, 45th reunion planning meeting, Alumni Association, 6 p.m.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5532, meeting, 6 p.m.

**FRI/11
LEETONIA**
"Breakfast at Tiffany's," 1 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-332-8573.

**SAT/12
BOARDMAN**
Goodness Grows benefit, 5-10 p.m., Glenwood Christian Fellowship Cafe, 7872 Glenwood Ave.; 330-549-9408.

LISBON
Beaver Local High School Class of 1984's spaghetti dinner benefit for the Chuck Cornell family, 4-7 p.m., high school; donations, 330-801-2597. Monetary donations to: First National Community Bank, P.O. Box 769, East Liverpool 43920; checks payable to BLHS Class of 1984.

**SUN/13
SALEM**
Former A&P employees, dinner, 3 p.m., BB Rooners.

**MON/14
COLUMBIANA**
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins-9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

LEETONIA
Nonfiction book discussion, P. Strathern's "The Artist, the Philosopher and the Warrior," 6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

LISBON
Public Employee Retirees #59, meeting, 1 p.m., Taste of Country.

Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

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Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Salvation Army; 330-332-1045.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

"Clean Out the Craft Cupboard" Getting Crafty class, 6:30 p.m., Salem Public Library, Quaker Room. Registration required at adult circulation desk or 330-332-0042.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

Salem Area Amateur Radio Association, entry level ham radio classes, 7 p.m., home of Ginger Grilli, 1530 E. State St.; 330-337-7225 or 330-549-3051.

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SALEM AREA ILLUSTRATED MAP
Local artist Craig Wetzel is the illustrator of our community map highlighting businesses in Salem, Washingtonville, Beloit, Damascus, Hanoverton and Alliance.
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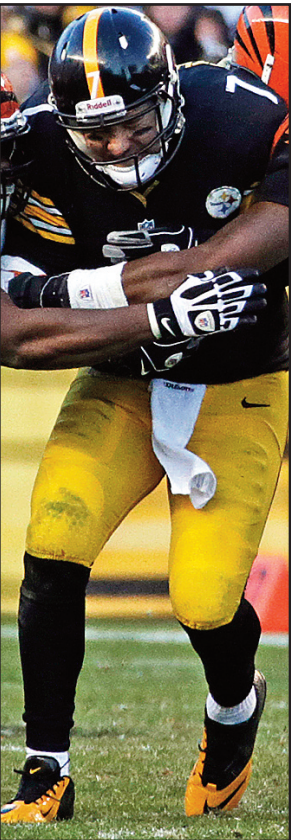
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► NFL



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger is tackled after a 4-yard scramble during the fourth quarter of a game in Pittsburgh, Sunday. The Bengals won 13-10. (AP Photo)

Big Ben takes blame for loss

Roethlisberger: “I just didn’t play well enough”

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger looks at his passing statistics, and they’re not all that bad.

His passer rating is up from his career average, as well as his average passing yards per game. The completion rate is where it has been over the course of an eight-year career.

Only once before has Roethlisberger thrown more touchdown passes per game or fewer interceptions per game.

But it’s been Roethlisberger’s play, by his own admission, that’s a key factor in Pittsburgh (7-8) failing to make the playoffs for only the fourth time since 2001.

“A lot of it just has to do with me not playing well enough down the stretch,” Roethlisberger said. “Fourth-quarter drives or last-minute throws, I’m just not making it happen, so my best answer would be that I just didn’t play well enough.”

The Steelers controlled their playoff fate until their 13-10 loss to Cincinnati on Sunday eliminated them from the postseason.

Just as had happened one week earlier against Dallas, Roethlisberger threw an interception during a tie game that led to the opponent kicking a winning field goal.

Those losses joined others earlier this season against Denver, Oakland and Tennessee in which Pittsburgh not only blew fourth-quarter leads, but had the ball in the final minutes with a chance to drive for a potential winning score.

The Roethlisberger-led offense failed each time. In the season opener at Denver, he threw an interception to Tracy Porter that was re-

See BIG BEN, 2B

Browns down to third QB

Also without running back Richardson

BEREA (AP) — The Browns are down to their last game and a third-string quarterback. With major change looming, they’re ending another losing season in disarray.

With both quarterbacks Brandon Weeden and Colt McCoy missing practice Wednesday with right shoulder injuries, Thad Lewis took first-team snaps during

Cleveland’s workout. Rookie running back Trent Richardson remained out with a sprained left ankle.

Elevated from the practice squad Monday, Lewis could make his NFL debut in Pittsburgh on Sunday. If it happens, his backup could be Josh Johnson, signed as a free agent Wednesday.

“If I get the start, it will be wonderful,” Lewis said. “I will be living out a childhood

See BROWNS, 2B



Cleveland Browns quarterbacks Brandon Weeden, left, and Colt McCoy warm up before a game against the Oakland Raiders in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, Dec. 2. (AP Photo)

► NBA — CLEVELAND WINS CONSECUTIVE GAMES FOR FIRST TIME

Cavs edge Wizards

Irving nets 26 to help lead Cleveland past Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tristan Thompson’s three-point play with 24.4 seconds remaining gave the Cleveland Cavaliers their first

two-game winning streak of the season as the Cavaliers beat the Washington Wizards 87-84 on Wednesday night.

Kyrie Irving, who had 26 points to lead Cleveland, made one of two free throws with 9.5 seconds left after Jordan Crawford and Garrett Temple missed jumpers for the Wizards. Crawford made two free throws with 8.5 seconds left to cut the lead to 86-84. Irving hit one of two, and Crawford missed a 3-pointer as time ran out.

Irving had 20 of his 26 points in the first half for the Cavaliers, who improved to 7-23. Two of their wins are against Washington, losers of eight straight.

Thompson had a season-high 15 points and 12 rebounds.

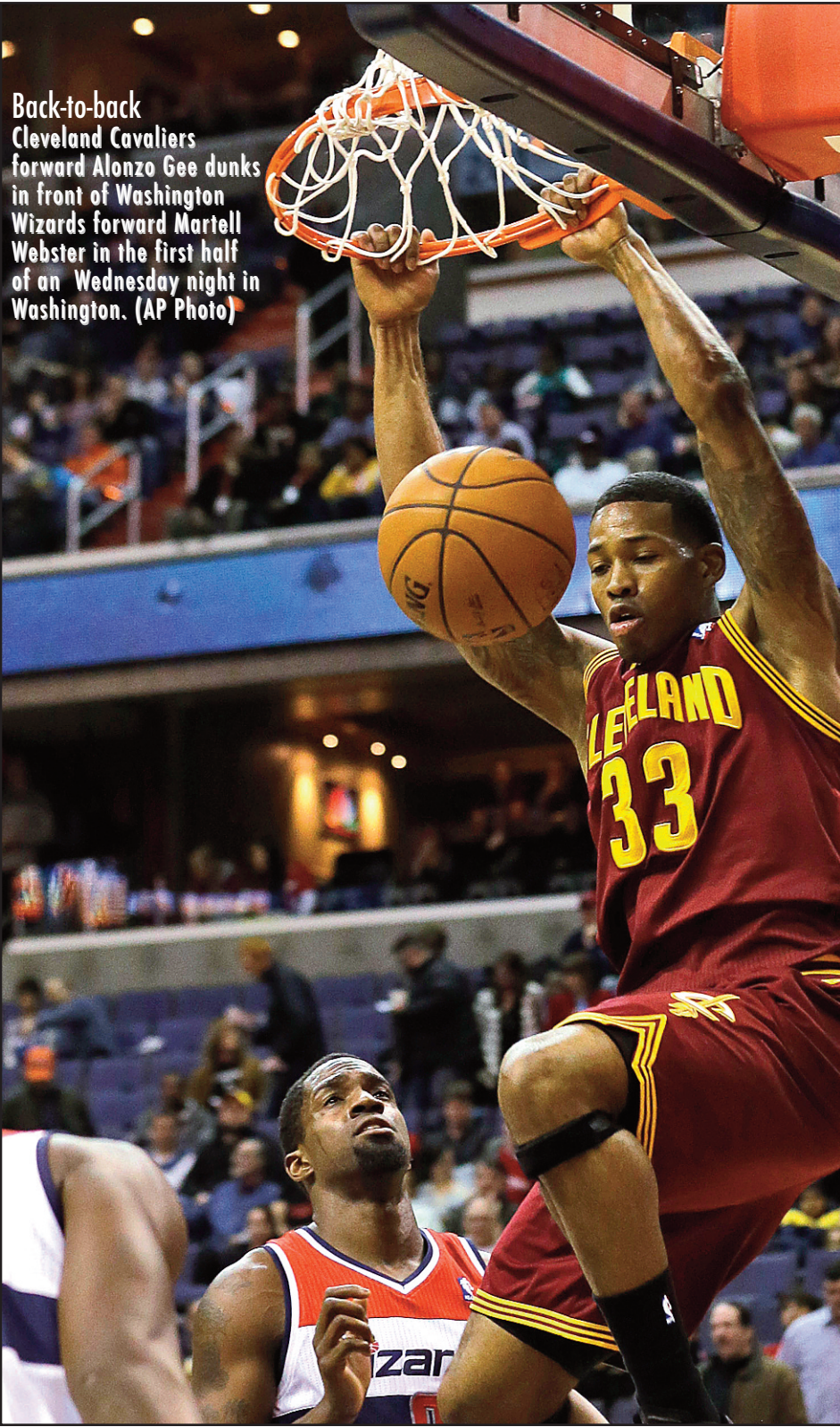
Crawford and Emeka Okafor led the Wizards with 17 points and Nene had 16.

Washington took a 79-73 lead with 6:20 to play, but Cleveland scored nine straight points to take an 82-79 lead with 3:37 left.

The Wizards were held scoreless for 4 1-2 minutes until Okafor hit a hook shot with 1:50 to play to cut the Cavaliers’ lead to 82-81. Irving missed two free throws with 1:01 to play, and Okafor hit one of two with 46.2 seconds to play for an 82-all tie.

The Wizards broke on top 22-10 with 4:51 to play in

See CAVS, 4B



Back-to-back Cleveland Cavaliers forward Alonzo Gee dunks in front of Washington Wizards forward Martell Webster in the first half of an Wednesday night in Washington. (AP Photo)

► MLB



Pittsburgh Pirates closer Joel Hanrahan delivers during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants in Pittsburgh earlier this year. (AP Photo)

Deal finalized

Pirates ship Hanrahan to Red Sox for prospects

BOSTON (AP) — If Joel Hanrahan can do for the Boston Red Sox what he did against them, they should be very happy with their new closer.

In the first of his two All-Star seasons, the right-hander posted back-to-back saves for the Pittsburgh Pirates with perfect ninth innings against the Red Sox in June 2011. He struck out Adrian Gonzalez, who entered the series batting .359, to end the second game.

“When people look back on me as a Pirate, that’s the

one that stands out the most to them,” Hanrahan said Wednesday after being obtained in a six-player trade.

People such as Red Sox assistant general manager Brian O’Halloran.

“It definitely made an impression on me,” he said. “It was not fun to be in the batter’s box against Joel Hanrahan.”

Now American League hitters will see what it’s like.

Boston completed the deal Wednesday, also receiving infielder Brock Holt. The Red Sox gave up right-han-

See TRADE, 3B



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning sets up to throw a pass against the Cleveland Browns in the fourth quarter in Denver. Manning was selected to the Pro Bowl on Wednesday. (AP Photo)

Manning, Peterson selected to Pro Bowl

Sensation comeback season earns them trip to Hawaii

NEW YORK (AP) — Sensational comebacks have Peyton Manning and Adrian Peterson headed for the Pro Bowl.

Also selected Wednesday to the NFL’s all-star game was Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III.

Manning missed all of the 2011 season with neck and back problems that required several operations. He then signed with Denver as a free agent and has led the Broncos on a 10-game winning streak to take the AFC West.

“I know there’s great players out there in the NFL, but there’s some great players on this team this year that deserve to go,” said Manning, whose 12th Pro Bowl is a record for quarterbacks. He ranks fourth in league passing this year, has thrown 34 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

Four other Broncos made the AFC roster: DE Elvis Dumervil, linebacker Von Miller, CB Champ Bailey and tackle Ryan Clady. Bailey’s 12th appearance is a record for defensive backs.

See PRO BOWL, 3B

2CHOICES

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WHAT2WATCH

Thursday, Dec. 27

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

3 p.m.

ESPN — Military Bowl at Washington, San Jose State vs. Bowling Green

6:30 p.m.

ESPN — Belk Bowl at Charlotte, N.C., Cincinnati vs. Duke

9:45 p.m.

ESPN — Holiday Bowl at San Diego, Baylor vs. UCLA

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

9 p.m.

ESPN2 — New Mexico at Cincinnati

NBA

8 p.m.

TNT — Dallas at Oklahoma City

10:30 p.m.

TNT — Boston at L.A. Clippers

2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 27

1953 — The Detroit Lions edge the Cleveland Browns 17-16 for the NFL championship. Doak Walker's extra point, following a 33-yard scoring pass, is the difference.

1959 — The Baltimore Colts beat the New York Giants 31-16 in the NFL championship. Three field goals by Pat Summerall give the Giants a 9-7 lead after three periods, but Baltimore's defensive backfield makes three interceptions that result in scores.

1964 — The Cleveland Browns break out after a scoreless first half with 17 points in the third quarter and go on to beat the Baltimore Colts 27-0 for the NFL title.

1974 — Ohio State junior running back Archie Griffin wins the Heisman Trophy.

1987 — Steve Largent of the Seattle Seahawks becomes the NFL's all-time reception leader in the Seahawks' 41-20 loss to Kansas City. Largent's six catches give him 752, surpassing the 750 by San Diego's Charlie Joiner. Gayle Sierens announcing the game for NBC becomes the first female play-by-play announcer in NFL history.

1999 — Joe Sakic scores his 1,000th career point on a second-period assist, helping the Colorado Avalanche to a 5-1 win over the St. Louis Blues.

2000 — Mario Lemieux makes a remarkable comeback after 3½ years of retirement, scoring a goal and assisting on two others — one on his first pass on his first shift, no less — as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-0.

2005 — Rudy Carpenter passes for 467 yards and four touchdowns as Arizona State holds off Rutgers for a wild 45-40 victory in the Insight Bowl. The teams combine for 1,210 yards, a record for any bowl game.

2008 — Pat White, the most prolific running quarterback in college football history, has the best passing game of his career to lead West Virginia to a 31-30 victory over North Carolina in the Meineke Bowl. The senior is voted MVP of a bowl for the third straight year and finishes 4-0 in postseason games, the first quarterback to do so.

2009 — Brad Smith returns the second-half kickoff 106 yards in the New York Jets' 29-15 win over Indianapolis. The Jets end the Colts' pursuit of perfection and their NFL-record 23-game winning streak.

► NBA

A year later, some like Christmas NBA start better

NEW YORK (AP) — Doc Rivers left home for the holiday, lost the game, and loved every minute of it. “That was perfect,” Rivers said, recalling the Boston Celtics’ 2011-12 season opener. “I just think it was awesome.”

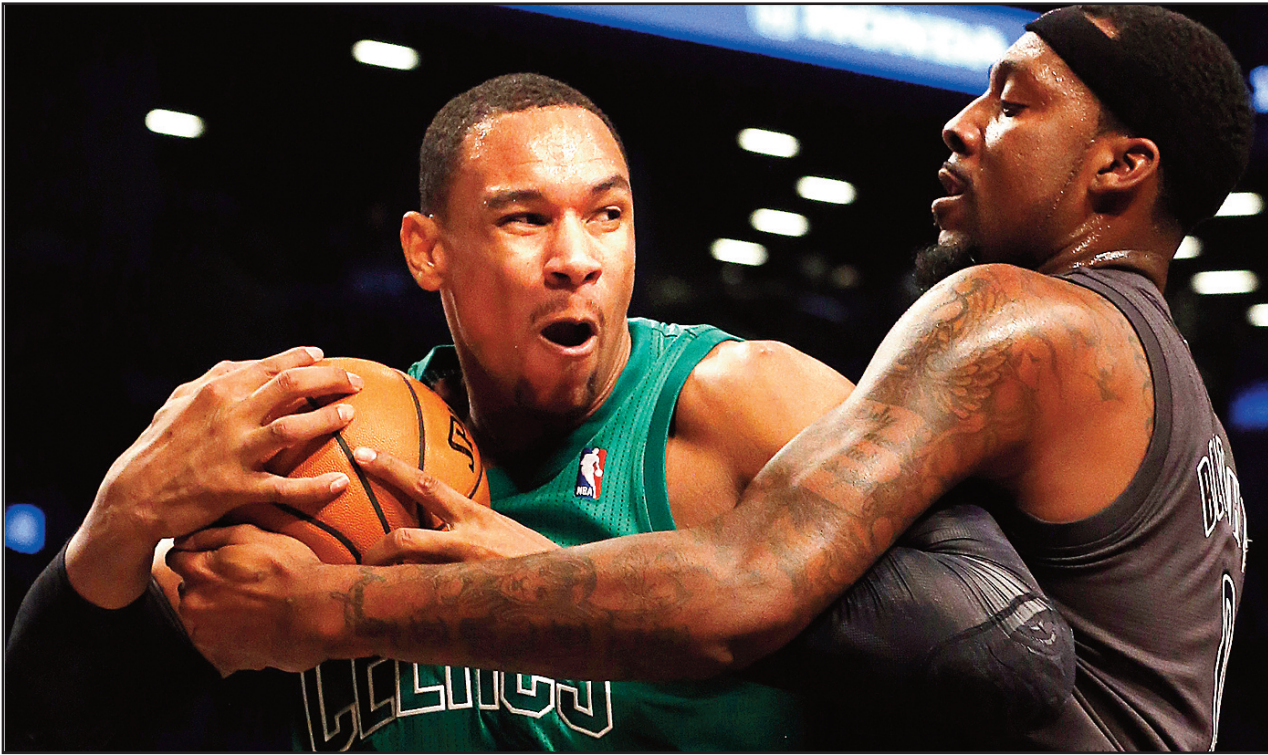
A year after the NBA started its season on Christmas out of necessity, Rivers and others think it’s something the league should consider doing regularly. The 2011-12 schedule consisted of 66 games, and while even the advocates for the later start aren’t certain how many should be played, they believe it’s something worth exploring.

“I think starting on Christmas Day would be better and then going later into July, I think that would be better so the start of our season wasn’t overshadowed as much by NFL football and college football,” ABC and ESPN analyst Jeff Van Gundy said. “If you did that, obviously you’d have to extend into July a little bit. But I think 66 games, the only bad thing about that would be people losing some money and so because of that, no one’s ever going to do that. It would certainly be better for the product.”

A normal 82-game schedule was impossible last season when owners and players couldn’t agree to a new labor contract in time. The lockout dragged into November before a tentative agreement was struck on Thanksgiving weekend. It was ratified two weeks later, abbreviated training camps opened Dec. 9, and teams had a little more than two weeks to prepare for the start of the season.

After the expected complaints about lack of preparation and possibility of injury, the season opened with hype that’s rarely there for the usual start around Halloween. The first game was in New York, where the Knicks withstood a last shot by Kevin Garnett to hold off the Celtics.

“I thought that game — I thought it was so anticipated, lot of fun. The buzz in Madison Square Garden was amazing,” Rivers said. “I re-



Boston Celtics forward Jared Sullinger and Brooklyn Nets forward-center Andray Blatche battle for the ball in the first half of their game at the Barclays Center, Tuesday, in New York. (AP Photo)

ally did, I thought it was absolutely wonderful, the timing with football almost over, people ready for basketball.”

With football king, even the NBA seems to realize it should lie low in the fall. ABC doesn’t begin its national TV schedule until its Christmas doubleheader, and the league and its TV partners kick the hype machine into gear leading into the holiday, with statistics galore about who’s played most often, who’s played best, who’s wearing what uniform, and anything else that can help build the buzz.

It works. ESPN scored its highest-rated Christmas tripleheader for Tuesday’s games, and the Knicks-Lakers matchup that opened ABC’s doubleheader generated a 5.9 overnight rating, highest ever for an ABC game in that slot.

Rivers thinks it could be even bigger, proposing adding to the fun with some kind of season-opening spectacle, similar to the popular college tournaments.

Minnesota coach Rick Adelman agreed the later start was fine, but like Rivers said there were too many games crammed in afterward. The league finished only about a week later than

its regular schedule, forcing teams to play on three straight nights at least once to fit everything in.

Problem is, the return to the regular schedule hasn’t offered much relief.

Coaches are still bemoaning the lack of practice time, the frequency of back-to-back games, and other inconveniences that they’ve had to readjust to this season.

“Of all years I’ve ever coached, I don’t feel like a human being very much. I just feel like a basketball coach,” Denver’s George Karl said. “That’s all I do is watch film, prepare scouting reports, have meetings, go to practice and then travel.”

The demands of the schedule and the challenges of navigating it were highlighted when San Antonio sent four top players home before a nationally televised road game in Miami for extra rest, earning a \$250,000 fine from an angry Commissioner David Stern.

The Spurs were playing their fourth road game in five nights, which was just as rough as anything that arose out of the lockout schedule.

“I think the schedule of some of these teams is outlandish to me, a lot of it just

to get games in,” Van Gundy said. “To put teams on national TV on the fourth game in five nights seems counterproductive. I know people will say, ‘Oh, the arenas are booked,’ and they’ll give you many excuses.

“But when you’re paying as much as our fans are paying for tickets, to me ... you have to really search out how you can give them the best product, and playing four games in five nights is unfortunately almost ensuring that somebody is not going to be at their best.”

More than two weeks ago, Karl was already pondering a brutal holiday schedule that had the Nuggets playing the Clippers in Los Angeles on Christmas night, returning home to host the Lakers the next night, then completing a stretch of four games in five nights with a back-to-back at Dallas and Memphis on Dec. 28 and 29.

“Merry Christmas,” he said, hardly sounding jolly.

Playing fewer games is the easy answer, but financially the most unlikely. Neither owners nor players would be interested in giving up a couple hundred games of revenue, which is why Stern quickly brought up the money aspect of it when asked about shortening the

schedule during a trip to New Orleans this season.

And going into July would mean completely rearranging the summer schedule, starting with free agency and the Las Vegas summer league.

Plus, the current schedule isn’t actually any tougher than normal. The average number of games on back-to-back nights (19.2), and maximum number for any club (22), are at or below their totals in each of the last four full seasons, as are the figures relating to four games in five nights.

But with fewer games last season, marquee matchups seemed to come more frequently, leading to higher TV ratings and nearly unchanged attendance. If the league could figure out how to spread the games out better, the shorter season could be a long-term improvement.

“It was too many games that we played after that in that stretch,” Rivers said, “so if there was some way we could figure it out, start off Christmas Day having a tournament or something like the college preseason tournament and start it there, I don’t know. But it would be awesome.”

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turned 43 yards for the clinching touchdown.

“In the past, I prided myself and us in fourth-quarter comebacks,” Roethlisberger said. “I’ve always said that you don’t want to have them, because that means you haven’t done well early in the game, but we’ve always been good at it. And this year, we just weren’t. I don’t think there’s any rhyme or reason why, (but) it was just a year when I wasn’t.”

Roethlisberger has thrown only eight interceptions this season, but many came at crucial times. Six came in defeats, four in the fourth quarter or overtime. His first interception in the must-win game against the Bengals on Sunday was returned for Cincinnati’s only touchdown.

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dream.” While the 25-year-old Lewis is excited, disappointed Browns fans are anticipating more impactful changes. New owner Jimmy Haslam and CEO Joe Banner have promised to revamp the organization. That could include the coaching staff.

Kick returner Josh Cribbs knows beating Pittsburgh — no matter who plays quarterback — couldn’t hurt coach Pat Shurmur’s future.

“A win means a lot for the city and the coaching staff as well,” said Cribbs, who has had three head coaches in eight years in Cleveland and doesn’t seem to favor more moves.

“Every year you have a constant rebuilding process, not a good recipe for successful football,” he said.

A new quarterback Sunday could come from sheer

necessity. McCoy’s injury was revealed Wednesday, though he made no mention of it Sunday in the wake of the 34-12 loss in Denver.

McCoy replaced Weeden in the second half against the Broncos and was sacked four times in his limited appearance. Shurmur said he didn’t know if one particular play caused the problem.

“Colt came in and told us he was sore,” Shurmur said. “He came in and got treatment.”

“The injuries to Brandon and Trent are not as severe as you might have thought. We’ll see how they come back. If they are healthy and can go, then of course they’ll play. If they can’t, I have no problem ruling them out.”

Shurmur also did not rule out McCoy, who has not started since sustaining a concussion in Pittsburgh on Dec. 8, 2011.

When the Browns (5-10) play the Steelers (7-8), they will be seeking their first season series sweep since 1988. It would be a pleasant

cap to Cleveland’s 11th season of 10-plus losses in 14 years.

They could be trying to do it with Lewis in command. He would be the 21st passer used by the Browns since 1999.

“Hmmm,” said Lewis when asked when he last started. “That would be college, (against) Wake Forest in 2009.”

The 25-year-old from Duke was on St. Louis’ practice squad in 2010 when Shurmur was a Rams assistant. The Browns claimed him on waivers in September 2011. He has gone through the paces at every offensive position except line play on the scout team for two years.

“Whatever the coach wants me to do,” he said. “Right now, my job is to take reps with the 1s.”

Shurmur played Lewis quite a bit in exhibition games this past summer. He added that Johnson, who played 26 games for Tampa

usual and he was badly off on throws he typically makes. But there also are examples he was the same old Big Ben.

Against Dallas, for example, he lofted a ball more than 50 yards in the air to Mike Wallace to set up a tying second-half touchdown. Earlier in that game, he scrambled and avoided multiple sack attempts to find an open Heath Miller for a score just before halftime.

“The only reason we’re in that game is because of his play,” safety Ryan Clark said. “The only reason he had an opportunity to throw an interception at the critical moment is because he played so well to keep us close.”

Still, Roethlisberger has largely built his career not on eye-popping numbers but on clutch play.

When asked about why this season has been so

much different, Wallace shrugs and maintains that Roethlisberger is the same at practice and in the huddle.

“You can’t be perfect every time,” Roethlisberger said. “You can’t be a superhero every time.”

Maybe, but Roethlisberger was far from it late in this season — and as a result, the Steelers will spend January at home.

“I not worried about Ben,” Miller said. “He’s one of the best quarterbacks in the league — in my mind, he’s still there. And I wouldn’t want anybody else to be leading this team.”

Notes: The Steelers placed Miller, CB Ike Taylor and RB Baron Batch on injured reserve Wednesday and signed TE Jamie McCoy, S Damon Cromartie-Smith and LB Marshall McFadden to the active roster. Miller, who tore knee ligaments Sunday, will have surgery Wednesday.

Bay over three seasons, is familiar with the Browns’ West Coast offense, but needs time to learn the entire playbook.

“Whoever’s in there I trust,” Shurmur said. “(Johnson) has crossed path with a lot of our concepts. We felt like he would be a good guy to bring in. If he has to go in, I’m sure we’d have to pare it way down, which is the case when you bring in a guy with just a couple of days of preparation. But, we’d be confident he can go in and at least execute.”

Johnson took safety Usama Young’s roster spot. Young likely will need thumb surgery, one week after cornerback T.J. Ward went out for the season with a knee injury. Cornerback Sheldon Brown sustained a concussion in Denver and the Browns have signed defensive back Jordan Mabin to the practice squad.

Shurmur is holding auditions to start at safety.

“(Ray) Ventrone, (Eric) Hagg and then (Tashaun) Gipson will practice today,” he said.

Gipson missed the Denver game with a foot injury, but said he is fine. He’s eager to play Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who was hurt and missed the first meeting in Cleveland, a 20-14 Browns win on Nov. 25.

“Going against Big Ben, that’s a talent I haven’t faced yet as a rookie,” said Gipson, signed as an undrafted free agent in May. “I want to do it. It’s a good test.”

NOTES: Johnson started five games for the Buccaneers after being a fifth-round choice in 2008, throwing for five touchdowns and 10 interceptions overall. He was in San Francisco’s camp this summer. ... TE Jordan Cameron (concussion) also did not practice. ... Some players bolted outdoors after indoor practice for a brief, spirited snowball fight in a winter storm.

► **NFL**

Bengals better on defense heading into playoffs

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Bengals think they're a better team — especially on defense — heading into the playoffs for the second season in a row. They finished 9-7 last season, earned a

wild card and lost at Houston 31-10 in the first round. A 13-10 win in Pittsburgh on Sunday clinched another wild-card berth, only the second time in franchise history that they've gone to the playoffs in back-to-back seasons.

They're locked into the No. 6 seed regardless of what they do on Sunday against Baltimore (10-5) at Paul Brown Stadium.

The Bengals (9-6) said their playoff appearance last season — when quarterback Andy Dalton and receiver A.J. Green were rookies — taught them a lot about what it's like when it's one-and-out.

"I think it's helpful anytime you can get to the post-season and really see what it is about and just how games, how momentum can swing," safety Chris Crocker said on Wednesday. "Just crazy things. We saw that last year. I think that will help guys going into it — kind of knowing what the atmos-

phere will be like." Cincinnati's limited playoff experience has been a detriment. The Bengals haven't won a playoff game since 1990. They've made it three times previously under coach Marvin Lewis — 2005, 2009 and 2011 — and lost their opening games by 14, 10 and 21 points.

Going for the third time in four years should help them keep the postseason in perspective. Lewis pointed out that there was no giddiness in the locker room when the Bengals clinched a berth on Sunday.

"When you've been beyond that, you realize there are bigger fish to fry," Lewis said. "I think our group understands this now. Appreciate it, feel good about it, celebrate it, but realize what it took to get there and that it takes more, because now we're going to pare it down again."

They're encouraged by the way their defense has dominated teams during a 6-1 streak that got them into the postseason. The front four has gotten pressure on quarterbacks consistently, with tackle Geno Atkins emerging as one of the NFL's top linemen.

Atkins leads NFL interior linemen with 12 1/2 sacks. Cincinnati has 47 sacks, one behind Denver for the league lead and one shy of

the franchise record. The defense is ranked No. 6 in the league this week in yards allowed and has given up 13 points or fewer in six of the past seven games.

"Our defense is really clicking right now, man," tackle Domata Peko said. "I love the way we're playing and I love the energy we're playing with. You have to have that chemistry, and it seems we're building on that. Everyone's been playing great."

The defense played its best game in Pittsburgh. Leon Hall's interception return accounted for Cincinnati's only touchdown. The defense repeatedly pushed the Steelers out of field goal range in the fourth quarter, allowing Cincinnati to win it with a field goal set up by an interception in the closing seconds.

The Bengals hadn't beaten the Steelers since 2009, dropping four in a row. They've also lost four straight to the Ravens and were 0-6 the past two seasons against their top AFC North rivals before the breakthrough win in Pittsburgh.

"You think about that stuff," Crocker said. "In my mind, we hadn't beaten anybody good, so what are we going to do now? We really stepped it up. I feel good from that standpoint."

The Bengals won't know their first-round opponent until after their game against Baltimore. Currently, New England is in line for the No. 3 seed and would host Cincinnati.

If the Patriots lose at home to Miami and the Ravens win at Paul Brown Stadium, Baltimore would move into the No. 3 spot and would host the Bengals in the first round of the playoffs.

If the Patriots win, they have a chance to move up to a better seed depending upon how other games turn out. There's a chance the Bengals could open at New England, at Houston or at Denver.

Notes: The Bengals moved their practice on Wednesday to the University of Cincinnati's covered practice field because a winter storm moved through the area. The Bengals are the most northern team without their own covered field. Last year, they practiced in the cold leading up to the playoff game in Houston, and Dalton got sick. ... K Mike Nugent fully participated in practice. He has missed the past three games with an injured right calf. ... Cornerbacks Adam "Pacman" Jones, Terence Newman and Jason Allen were limited by hamstring injuries.

Ravens offensive line shaping up nicely

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens can only hope the performance they received from their offensive line last weekend is an indication of what lies ahead for a unit that relies on an unexpected mixture of experience and youth.

Baltimore amassed a season-high 533 yards Sunday in a 33-14 rout of the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants. Joe Flacco had enough time in the pocket to throw for 309 yards and two touchdowns, the Ravens converted 11 of 18 third downs and Ray Rice and Bernard Pierce each topped 100 yards rushing.

Flacco, Rice and wide receivers Torrey Smith and Anquan Boldin are the big names on Baltimore's offense, but success in the playoffs could depend on what happens up front.

"The offensive line continues to improve," coach John Harbaugh said. "It's a young group, so that's something that we really expect to have happen."

Rookie right tackle Kelechi Osemele and second-year left guard Jah Reid have played well enough to

force longtime NFL veterans Bryant McKinnie and Bobbie Williams to the sideline. Coming into the season, McKinnie and Williams had a combined 277 starts and compared to zero for Osemele and Reid.

So perhaps the line could be forgiven for its inconsistent performance in the weeks leading up to Sunday's masterpiece — a dominating performance that provided the Ravens with their second straight AFC North title.

"It's just a matter of having confidence in our guys," guard Marshal Yanda said. "There's no magical formula. We didn't reinvent the wheel. It's just football."

The offensive line yielded 34 sacks in the first 14 games before holding New York without one Sunday. Flacco, who had six turnovers in the previous three games, was flawless against the Giants.

"Anytime you pass protect the way that we did against a team that can rush the passer like the New York Giants, that's a big plus," Harbaugh said. "The run blocking was good. We rushed for a lot of yards, and

it's because those guys were very physical up front."

Baltimore (10-5) hopes to ride the momentum into Sunday's regular-season finale against Cincinnati (9-6) before heading into the playoffs.

Yanda, Reid, Osemele, 36-year-old center Matt Birk and fourth-year left tackle Michael Oher make up an offensive front that has endured a bit of shuffling since September.

Ramon Harewood began the season at left guard after spending his first two NFL seasons in injured reserve. Harewood took a seat on the bench after five weeks and was replaced by Williams, who stayed there until Reid made his first NFL start on Nov. 18 in Pittsburgh.

When Yanda missed the Dec. 16 game against Denver, Williams took his place.

Now, finally, the unit appears set. Plus, Harbaugh has the luxury of summoning rookie center Gino Gradkowski or two solid veterans in case of emergency.

"We probably have more depth in the offensive line than we have had in quite a while," the coach said. "We have some veterans that can

step in and play. Bobbie has done a real nice job when he's been in there. And of course, Bryant McKinnie hasn't had a chance, because the tackles have been so healthy, but Bryant's a guy that is going to be very valuable for us here down the stretch if something happens. That's definitely a blessing for us."

Rice is exceptional once he gets past the line of scrimmage, and while full-back Vonta Leach has proven to be an exceptional escort through the hole, nothing happens if the line can't create a void in the defense.

"Those guys, they work very hard. They are the hardest working group in the building," Rice said. "They meet, they work, they just work and work. One thing I like about our line is that we're athletic, and we've got guys that can do multiple things. You don't see tackles moving as fast as our tackles. Then we've got our inside guys who are big and physical guys, along with the leadership of Matt Birk. Those guys really got the job done."

coming back from a torn ACL.

One other rookie, Minnesota kicker Blair Walsh, was chosen. Walsh has nine field goals of at least 50 yards, an NFL mark.

The AFC kicker is at the other end of the spectrum: Cleveland's Phil Dawson earned his first selection in his 14th NFL season.

Another record setter will be heading to Honolulu for the Jan. 27 Pro Bowl: Detroit WR Calvin Johnson.

Johnson broke Jerry Rice's single-season yards receiving record and has 1,892 yards with a game left.

Hanrahan said hamstring and ankle problems affected his pitching mechanics.

"I don't think the walks are going to be a concern," he said. "I feel good going to spring training."

Hanrahan said he's never been to Fenway Park, but O'Halloran doesn't think he'll have trouble adjusting to the American League.

"Joel Hanrahan has the stuff to pitch anywhere," he said.

Holt spent most of last season at Double-A Altoona, then hit .292 in 24 games with the Pirates, all in September.

Melancon was 0-2 with a 6.20 ERA in 41 relief appearances in his only season with Boston. Pimentel spent the season at Double-A Portland. Sands and DeJesus were obtained in a trade that sent Gonzalez, Josh Beckett and Carl Crawford to the Dodgers on Aug. 25.

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Browns' Josh Cribbs apologizes for profane tweet

BEREA (AP) — Josh Cribbs promises to take out his frustrations on opponents and instead of fans.

The Browns' kick returner apologized Wednesday for his profane tweet following Cleveland's latest loss.

Cribbs knew he was wrong long before coach Pat Shurmur talked to him about it the next day.

"I knew it as soon as I hit the button," he said Wednesday.

Cribbs said he was mad at himself for fumbling a punt, angry that it contributed to the 34-12 loss in Denver, then enraged when he got several derogatory messages.

"People think we're out there playing a game, but for me it's my life," he said. "I'm all about football."

"It's not impossible not to respond, but I play with so much passion. It's not one of my characteristics to be passionless. I play the game with so much heart and soul and my teammates do the same. I've played my whole life for this opportunity. The comments I made were out of frustration."

After being called out by what he said were "10 or 15" tweeting fans, Cribbs responded Sunday by sending out:

"See all the negativity on twitter after I gave my life to this So 2 all u who are against me all y'all!! I'm still gonna do me!"

He deleted it minutes later, then put out another saying, "There's a new breed of haters out there disguised as fans." He deleted that one as well.

It was too late.

"Most people never even saw it, but it got around by word of mouth and all," he said Wednesday. "Word travels fast and can get distorted."

Cowboys' Brent indicted in crash killing teammate

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury in Texas has formally indicted Dallas Cowboys nose tackle Josh Brent on one count of intoxication manslaughter.

Brent is charged in connection with a Dec. 8 crash that killed his friend and Cowboys practice squad member Jerry Brown. He is out of jail on \$100,000 bond.

Dallas County District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Debbie Denmon says the indictment was returned Wednesday.

Police in the Dallas suburb of Irving say Brent was speeding when his vehicle struck a curb and flipped. Brown was pronounced dead at an area hospital.

Intoxication manslaughter carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. Brent could be eligible for probation.

Denmon says no court dates have been scheduled.

Lewis activated by Ravens but won't play Sunday

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — Linebacker Ray Lewis has been added to the Baltimore Ravens' 53-man roster, but coach John Harbaugh says the 17-year veteran will not play Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals.

The 37-year-old was placed on the injured reserve-designated to return list after tearing his right triceps on Oct. 14. He returned to practice on Dec. 5, and in order for him to be eligible for the playoffs, the Ravens had to add him to the active roster by Wednesday.

Baltimore cleared room for Lewis by placing wide receiver LaQuan Williams on injured reserve with a leg injury.

Lewis has missed nine straight games. He was eligible to return to game action two weeks ago, but he has some atrophy in his right arm after having surgery on Oct. 17.

Va. Tech to honor CT shooting victims with decal

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Virginia Tech will honor the victims of the Connecticut elementary school mass shooting with special helmet decals during the Russell Athletic Bowl.

Hokies coach Frank Beamer says the decision to wear the decal during Friday's matchup with Rutgers was made because Virginia Tech — site of a 2007 mass shooting — feels a kinship with the victims of the Dec. 14 attack in which 20 children and six adults were killed.

The decal is an orange and green folded ribbon, and includes "VT" and "SH" for Sandy Hook on opposite ends. It also includes the number "58" under the word "Prevail."

The coaching staff will also honor the victims by wearing an orange, white and green ribbon, held together by a Virginia Tech pin on the side of their hats.

Huskers' Biggs cited on suspicion of DUI in Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska men's basketball player Deverell Biggs has been cited on suspicion of driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident in Omaha last weekend.

According to a police report, Biggs backed his Chevrolet Suburban into a Bellevue man's vehicle about 1:35 a.m. Sunday. Biggs spoke briefly to the other driver and drove off.

Police stopped Biggs several miles away. His blood-alcohol content measured .134, over the legal limit of .08.

The 20-year-old Biggs also was cited for minor in possession and unsafe backing.

Biggs is sitting out as a redshirt junior this season.

Coach Tim Miles said in a text message Wednesday he's "greatly disappointed in the report and Deverell's actions." No decision has been made on disciplinary action.

Former Maryland football coach Krivak dies at 77

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Joe Krivak, Maryland's football coach from 1987-91, has died. He was 77.

The school said he died Tuesday night.

Krivak was quarterbacks coach for Bobby Ross in the 1980s, working with Boomer Esiason, Frank Reich and Stan Gelbaugh. After Ross left for Georgia Tech after the 1986 season, Krivak was promoted to head coach.

Maryland went 20-34-2 under Krivak, who resigned after the 1991 season.

His best year at Maryland was in 1990, when the Terrapins went 6-5-1 and tied Louisiana Tech in the Independence Bowl. Maryland went 2-9 in 1991, and Mark Duffner took over as coach.

Current Maryland athletic director Kevin Anderson says of Krivak: "He tutored some of the most prolific quarterbacks to play in College Park and helped develop them for future success in the NFL."

PRO BOWL FROM 1B

Minnesota's Peterson tore up his left knee on Christmas Eve last year, underwent major surgery, then was back for the season opener. He's gone from uncertain to unstoppable, running away with the rushing title with a career-high 1,898 yards and lifting the Vikings toward an NFC wild card.

"Coming into the season after going through the rehab process, I just told myself that I wanted to lead my team to a championship

and make sure that I contribute and do my part," Peterson said. "I've been doing it."

Griffin is one of three rookie QBs who had superb debut seasons, along with Andrew Luck of Indianapolis and Russell Wilson of Seattle. Luck and Wilson weren't voted to the Pro Bowl by players coaches and fans, although their teams are in the playoffs; Griffin can get to the postseason if Washington beats Dallas on Sunday.

"You can't play down those kind of things," Griffin said. "I've always said my whole football career that

you don't play for awards. They just come. You don't say you're going to win the Heisman. You don't say you're going to win MVP. You go out and you prove it on the field, and if everyone feels that way then they'll give you that award."

San Francisco had the most players selected, nine, including six from its second-ranked defense. Houston was next with eight, six on offense.

Kansas City, despite its 2-13 record that is tied with Jacksonville for worst in the league, had five Pro Bowlers, including RB Jamaal Charles, who like Peterson is

Koji Uehara, outfielders Shane Victorino and Johnny Gomes and catcher David Ross.

Over the past two seasons, Hanrahan had 76 saves, fourth most in the National League, and a 2.24 ERA. Last season, he was 5-2 with a 2.72 ERA and 36 saves.

The six-year veteran will take over the closer's role that Alfredo Aceves struggled in most of last season before giving way to Andrew Bailey, who had missed most of the season with a right thumb injury.

In his first season with Boston, Bailey was 1-1 with a 7.04 ERA and six saves in nine opportunities over 19 games.

Manager John Farrell has talked with Hanrahan and Bailey and told them that Hanrahan will be the closer, although "we see Andrew as playing a very important role," O'Halloran said.

The Red Sox's search for a closer began when Jonathan Papelbon signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Phillies after the 2011 season.

Hanrahan figured he was part of that quest when he heard his name in trade rumors involving the Red Sox, Detroit Tigers and Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I got excited" when he learned of the trade, Hanrahan said. "Obviously, the Red Sox have a great history and tradition and it's a huge sports city."

In six seasons, 2 1/2 with the Washington Nationals and 3 1/2 with the Pirates, he's 22-17 with a 3.74 ERA and 96 saves in 117 chances. His best season was 2011 when he went 1-4 with a 1.83 ERA, 40 saves in 44 opportunities and just 16 walks in 68 2-3 innings. His control slipped last season when he walked 36 in 59 2-3 innings.

TRADE FROM 1B

ders Mark Melancon and Stolmy Pimentel, infielder Ivan DeJesus Jr. and first baseman-outfielder Jerry Sands.

The Red Sox also announced the signing of free agent shortstop Stephen Drew, who agreed to a one-year contract early last week. That reported \$9.5 million deal was contingent on the former Oakland Athletic and Arizona Diamondback, who broke his ankle in 2011, passing a physical.

"We feel that he's going to be fully healthy for us," O'Halloran said.

The acquisition of Drew and Hanrahan are the latest in a series of moves designed to improve on a 69-93 record and a last-place finish in the AL East. The Red Sox already have obtained right-handers Ryan Dempster and

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BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded RHP Mark Melancon, RHP Stolmy Pimentel, INF Ivan De Jesus and 1B/OF Jerry Sands to Pittsburgh for RHP Joel Hanrahan and INF Brock Holt. Agreed to terms with SS Stephen Drew on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with OF Raul Ibanez on a one-year contract. Designated RHP D.J. Mitchell for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with C A.J. Pierzynski on a one-year contract.
American Association
AMARILLO SOX — Released C Jonathan Cisneros.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT — Assigned C Dexter Pittman to Sioux Falls (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Released OT J.B. Shugarts from the practice squad. Signed TE Derek Butties to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed S Troy Nolan. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed S Usama Young on injured reserve. Signed QB Josh Johnson. Signed DB Jordan Mabin to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed TE Chase Ford to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed WR WR Kamar Aiken, RB James Devellin and DB Cyhl Quarles to the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed TE Travis Beckum on injured reserve. Signed DB Terence Frederick from the practice squad and CB Brandon Bing to the practice squad.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Placed QB Nick Foles on injured reserve. Signed DT Antonio Dixon to a two-year contract. Signed LB Marcus Dowlin to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Placed TE Heath Miller, CB Ike Taylor and RB Baron Batch on injured reserve. Signed S DaMon Cromartie-Smith and LB Marshall McCadden from the practice squad and FB Jamie McCoy from San Diego's practice squad.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed DT Aubrayo Franklin and S Brandon Taylor on injured reserve. Signed S Sean Cattouse and CB Greg Galsom from the practice squad and CB Arthur Hobbs and TE Anthony Miller to the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released LB Alex Hoffman-Ellis from the practice squad. Signed DT Lamar Divens and S Curtis Taylor to the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released DE Monte Taylor from the practice squad.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Placed LB Mike Mohamed on the practice squad injured list. Signed RB Alvester Alexander to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
American Hockey League
ALBANY DEVILS — Recalled C Phil DeSimone from Trenton (ECHL).
CONNECTICUT WHALE — Called up G Jason Missaen from Greenville (ECHL). Released G Bryan Hince from his professional tryout contract and returned him to Greenville.
SOFTBALL
ASA/USA SOFTBALL — Announced the retirement of executive director Ron Radigonda, effective at the end of 2013.

► **NHL NOTES**

Canadiens' Gorges holds outdoor game with fans
MONTREAL (AP) — With the NHL lockout grinding through its fourth month, Montreal Canadiens defenseman Josh Gorges looked to an unusual source to find his next hockey game: Twitter.
The 28-year-old Gorges extended an open invitation to his followers on the social network to join him at a Montreal rink Wednesday afternoon, during the Boxing Day holiday. Fans responded in droves.
The scene didn't look much different from those playing out at countless parks and ponds across the country — except for the high turnout.
Dozens of players, ranging widely in age and skill level, packed into a rink in the city's Verdun neighborhood for a chance to skate alongside an NHL player.
"I haven't played outdoors in a long time, but I

► **PGA**

Wash. state audit: Lynnwood golf course broke law
LYNNWOOD, Wash. (AP) — A Washington state audit says a Lynnwood golf course broke the law when it took millions of dollars in loans from the city's utility fund.
The state auditor said the series of loans since 2008 were not allowed because the golf course can't afford to pay them back, The Seattle Times () reported in Wednesday's newspaper.
The audit released Monday also pointed out management problems at the 21-year-old golf course. City leaders say they will decide in the next three months whether to keep the struggling golf course open.
Lynnwood's 18-hole city course is supposed to be financially self-sufficient, but it started falling behind in 2008 and had to take out a loan from the city utility fund.
In response, the golf course drafted a business plan to get back on track by raising greens fees and selling beer. The plan didn't work, and the golf course continued to lose money and borrow from the city.
Lynnwood Municipal Golf Course was allowed to borrow \$130,000 from the city utility fund in 2008, \$550,000 in 2009, \$1.4 million in 2010, and nearly \$1.3 million in 2011.
In addition, the golf course has owed \$137,485 to the city general fund since "at least 1996," auditors wrote. The course has not paid interest on the loan.
In 2002, nearly 60,000 rounds were played. In 2012, it was more like 41,000, said Jeff Clay, a golf pro who works at the course.
"That's about on par, kind of average for the way the industry's been going," he said. "People are spending less money, so they have less money for things like golf."
Fewer people in the Seattle metropolitan area are playing golf, according to Scarborough Research. In 2002, 17 percent played. In 2012, it was about 12 percent did.
The 2007 business plan described the small course's strengths: "The Golf Course is aesthetically pleasing, beautifully landscaped and challenging in its own way. The fact the course is not a par 72 championship course provides an advantage ... given the fact it only takes 3-4 hours to play 18 holes."
Use of the course has fallen almost every year that it's been open. Auditors pointed out management problems possibly contributing to the financial distress — mainly, that the city has provided cash but not oversight.
"The City does not adequately oversee Golf Course operations," auditors wrote. "The Parks and Recreation Department staff make policy and procedure decisions inconsistent with City systems designed to safeguard resources and provide accountability for public funds."
Auditors said the course violated state law banning the gifting of public funds when it gave a discount to the Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Foundation, a private nonprofit, for its annual golf tournament. It also allowed Professional Golfers Association and Golf Course Superintendents of America members to play for free; advertised private lessons on the city website; and donated gift certificates.
The city told auditors it would decide in the next three months how to respond to the audit.

figured we've got some time and I've got nothing else to do." Gorges told reporters during a break from the game. "I was just looking to skate outdoors and I threw it out there on Twitter and so many people were asking where I'd go play. So I thought, 'Why not set a time and place and we'll all come and play?'"
In recent days, Gorges had been joking about the upcoming game in messages sent out to his 23,000-plus followers on Twitter. A few hours before the game, he mused that he may be a little slower than usual on the ice after having Christmas dinner the night before.
"I'm a big fan," said Jason Joly, a 9-year-old dressed up in gloves, hat and a Canadiens jersey. "I can't wait to play with him."
The event comes two days after the NHL lockout reached its 100th day. One fan who joined Gorges on the ice said he appreciated his effort to reach out to fans after months of frustration.

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► **NFL NOTES**

Peterson ready to help Vikings chase playoff berth
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — It's all right there for Adrian Peterson now. One more game in his remarkable comeback season, and the only thing that remains on the line is everything.
A win against the rival Green Bay Packers on Sunday would put his Minnesota Vikings into the playoffs for the first time since the 2009 season. The milestones of 2,000 yards and Eric Dickerson's single-season rushing record are there to be had as well, along with a potential MVP award that would cement his standing among the league's great players.
"It's such a big game when you look at everything that can be accomplished," Peterson said Wednesday. "I'm looking forward to it, man. Most importantly, getting into the playoffs, securing that with a win against Green Bay. Having an opportunity to hit 2,000, having an opportunity to break Eric Dickerson's record in the same game, it would be great to accomplish."
Perhaps the only thing more improbable than the Vikings (9-6) sitting one victory away from a playoff berth is that they have been carried there by Peterson, who tore two ligaments in his left knee just over a year ago. He has already racked up a career-high 1,898 yards rushing this season, leaving him 102 yards from becoming the first player to hit 2,000 yards on a reconstructed knee.
His inspiring recovery has galvanized a team that has been teetering on the edge of elimination the last four weeks and has put some of the biggest names to play the position in his corner as he runs toward history. Dickerson is on record as saying he hopes Peterson falls a little shy of his 2,105 yards rushing in 1984, but everyone from Jim Brown to Terrell Davis to Chris Johnson — the last running back to rush for 2,000 yards — have come in support of his pursuit.
"So impressed by everything (at)AdrianPeterson has done this year," Detroit Lions great Barry Sanders tweeted recently. "Big fan of E.D. But really pulling for AP to break the record. Good luck."
Peterson needs 208 yards on Sunday to break Dickerson's record, a number that would be considered close to impossible for most running backs in this pass-happy league. But Peterson has topped that twice in the previous four games. He's also rushed for more yards against the Packers than any other team, including 210 yards at Lambeau Field on Dec. 2.
"I wouldn't say I'm rooting for him to get it, but I want him to do the best that he can do," said Johnson, who developed a bit of a rivalry with Peterson a few years back when both laid claim to the title of the best running back in the league. "It's just a nice story from where he got hurt last year. I sent him a text to see how he was doing and stuff like that. I wish him the best and whatever he does, I congratulate him on it and I'll be happy for him."
Peterson has been humbled by all the support and is understanding of Dickerson's stance, but there is one player he wishes he could sit down with before he plays one of the biggest games of his career — Walter Payton.
"What inspired you to be the best?" he wishes he could ask the Bears great, who died in 1999. "How did he deal with success and fame? If he could do anything different, what would it be? What would he have done?"
Peterson speaks to Vikings coach Leslie Frazier about Payton. Frazier was a teammate of Payton's and has routinely said he sees striking similarities between the two, on and off the field.

CAVS FROM 1B

the first quarter, thanks to Nene's 10 points. Cleveland's Irving had 12 of his 20 first-half points in the second quarter to help the Cavaliers grab a 45-43 halftime lead.
Washington started Shelvin Mack at the point. It was Mack's first NBA start. The second-year guard had been cut by the Wizards at the end of training camp, and re-signed on Tuesday after a strong stint in the D-League.
Mack was starting because Crawford was late to Wednesday's shootaround according to a team source. Before the game, Washington coach Randy Wittman said that Crawford was benched for a violation of team rules.
The Wizards scored 12 straight points to take a 62-53 lead with just over 7 minutes left in the third quarter with Mack hitting consecutive 3-pointers.
Irving missed all five of his field goal attempts in the third quarter, but hit two free throws to tie the score at 68-all to end the period.
NOTES: Shaun Livingston, who was waived after Saturday's game by the Wizards, was on the Cavaliers' bench after his Tuesday signing. Coach Byron Scott said he would evaluate Livingston, who's playing with his seventh NBA team, after Thursday's practice. ... Cleveland C Anderson Varejao missed his fourth game with a bruised right knee. Scott said he would be evaluated on Thursday. ... Temple, who signed on Tuesday, had two points.

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Subject to Change All Times EST Saturday, Dec. 15 New Mexico Bowl At Albuquerque Arizona 49, Nevada 48 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl At Boise, Idaho Utah State 41, Toledo 15 Thursday, Dec. 20 Poinsettia Bowl At San Diego BYU 23, San Diego State 6 Friday, Dec. 21 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl At St. Petersburg, Fla. UCF 38, Ball State 17 Saturday, Dec. 22 New Orleans Bowl Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34 MAACO Bowl Las Vegas Boise State 28, Washington 26 Monday, Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu SMU 43, Fresno State 10 Wednesday, Dec. 26 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl At Detroit Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Thursday, Dec. 27 Military Bowl At Washington Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 3 p.m. (ESPN) Belk Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN) Holiday Bowl At San Diego Friday, Dec. 28 Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN) Russell Athletic Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN) Meineke Car Care Bowl At Houston Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Dec. 29 Armed Forces Bowl At Fort Worth, Texas Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 11:45 a.m. (ESPN) Fight Hunger Bowl At San Francisco Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (8-4), 4 p.m. (ESPN2) Pinstripe Bowl At New York Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 3:15 p.m. (ESPN) Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Texas (8-4) vs. Oregon State (9-3), 6:45 p.m. (ESPN) Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 10:15 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Dec. 31 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), Noon (ESPN) Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS) Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Chick-fil-A Bowl At Atlanta LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Tuesday, Jan. 1 Heart of Dallas Bowl At Dallas Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), Noon (ESPN) Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), Noon (ESPN2) Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), 1 p.m. (ABC) Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla. South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN) Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN) Orange Bowl At Miami Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Thursday, Jan. 3 Fiesta Bowl At Glendale, Ariz. Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Jan. 4 Cotton Bowl At Arlington, Texas Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 8 p.m. (FOX) Saturday, Jan. 5 BBVA Compass Bowl At Birmingham, Ala. Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), 1 p.m. (ESPN) Sunday, Jan. 6 GoDaddy.com Bowl At Mobile, Ala. Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Jan. 7 BCS National Championship At Miami Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Jan. 19 RAYCOM College Football All-Star Classic At Montgomery, Ala. Stars vs. Stripes, 3 p.m. (CBSSN) East-West Shrine Classic At St. Petersburg, Fla. East vs. West, 4 p.m. (NFLN) Saturday, Jan. 26 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala. North vs. South, TBA (NFLN)
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► **PRO BOWL**

Aloha Stadium, Honolulu
Sunday, Jan. 27
AFC
Offense
Quarterbacks — Tom Brady, New England; Peyton Manning, Denver; Matt Schaub, Houston
Running Backs — Jamaal Charles, Kansas City; Arian Foster, Houston; Ray Rice, Baltimore
Fullback — Vonta Leach, Baltimore
Wide Receivers — A.J. Green, Cincinnati; Andre Johnson, Houston; Reggie Wayne, Indianapolis; Wes Welker, New England
Tight Ends — Rob Gronkowski, New England; Heath Miller, Pittsburgh
Tackles — Duane Brown, Houston; Ryan Clay, Denver; Joe Thomas, Cleveland; Marshall Yanda, Baltimore
Guards — Logan Mankins, New England; Wade Smith, Houston
Centers — Chris Myers, Houston; Maurkice Pouncey, Pittsburgh
Defense
Ends — Elvis Dumervil, Denver; Cameron Wake, Miami; J.J. Watt, Houston
Interior Linemen — Geno Atkins, Cincinnati; Haloti Ngata, Baltimore; Vince Wilfork, New England
Outside Linebackers — Tamba Hali, Kansas City; Robert Mathis, Indianapolis; Von Miller, Denver
Inside/Middle Linebackers — Derrick Johnson, Kansas City; Jerod Mayo, New England
Cornerebacks — Champ Bailey, Denver; Antonio Cromartie, N.Y. Jets; Johnathan Joseph, Houston
Strong Safeties — Eric Berry, Kansas City; LaRon Landry, N.Y. Jets
Free Safety — Ed Reed, Baltimore
Specialists
Placekicker — Phil Dawson, Cleveland
Punter — Dustin Colquitt, Kansas City
Kick Returner — Jacoby Jones, Baltimore
Special Team — Matthew Lewis, New England
NFC
Offense
Quarterbacks — Robert Griffin III, Washington; Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay; Matt Ryan, Atlanta
Running Backs — Frank Gore, San Francisco; Marshawn Lynch, Seattle; Adrian Peterson, Minnesota
Fullback — Jerome Felton, Minnesota
Wide Receivers — Victor Cruz, N.Y. Giants; Calvin Johnson, Detroit; Julio Jones, Atlanta; Brandon Marshall, Chicago
Tight Ends — Tony Gonzalez, Atlanta; Jason Witten, Dallas
Tackles — Russell Okung, Seattle; Joe Staley, San Francisco; Trent Williams, Washington
Guards — Jahri Evans, New Orleans; Mike Iupati, San Francisco; Chris Snee, N.Y. Giants
Centers — Jeff Saturday, Green Bay; Max Unger, Seattle
Defense
Ends — Jared Allen, Minnesota; Julius Peppers, Chicago; Jason Pierre-Paul, N.Y. Giants
Interior Linemen — Gerald McCoy, Tampa Bay; Henry Melton, Chicago; Justin Smith, San Francisco
Outside Linebackers — Clay Matthews, Green Bay; Aldon Smith, San Francisco; DeMarcus Ware, Dallas
Inside/Middle Linebackers — NaVorro Bowman, San Francisco; Patrick Willis, San Francisco
Cornerebacks — Tim Jennings, Chicago; Patrick Peterson, Arizona; Charles Tillman, Chicago
Strong Safeties — Dontle Whitner, San Francisco
Free Safeties — Dashon Goldson, San Francisco; Earl Thomas, Seattle
Specialists
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Punter — Thomas Morstead, New Orleans
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► **NBA GLANCE**

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	8	.714	—
Brooklyn	14	13	.519	5½
Boston	14	13	.519	5½
Philadelphia	13	15	.464	7
Toronto	9	19	.321	11
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	19	6	.760	—
Atlanta	16	9	.640	3
Orlando	12	16	.429	8½
Charlotte	7	20	.259	13
Washington	3	23	.115	16½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	16	12	.571	—
Chicago	15	12	.556	½
Milwaukee	14	12	.538	1
Detroit	9	21	.300	8
Cleveland	7	23	.233	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	8	.724	—
Memphis	18	7	.720	1
Houston	15	12	.556	5
Dallas	12	16	.429	8½
New Orleans	6	22	.214	14½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	6	.778	—
Minnesota	13	12	.520	7
Denver	15	14	.517	7
Utah	15	14	.517	7
Portland	13	13	.500	7½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	22	6	.786	—
Golden State	18	10	.643	4
L.A. Lakers	14	14	.500	8
Phoenix	11	17	.393	11
Sacramento	9	18	.333	12½
Tuesday's Games				
Boston 93, Brooklyn 76				
L.A. Lakers 100, New York 94				
Miami 103, Oklahoma City 97				
Houston 120, Chicago 97				
L.A. Clippers 112, Denver 100				
Wednesday's Games				
New Orleans 97, Orlando 94				
Cleveland 87, Washington 84				
Miami at Charlotte (n)				
Chicago at Indiana, ppd., weather conditions				
Detroit at Atlanta, (n)				
Houston at Minnesota, (n)				
Philadelphia at Memphis, (n)				
Brooklyn at Milwaukee, (n)				
Toronto at San Antonio, (n)				
L.A. Lakers at Denver, (n)				
New York at Phoenix, (n)				
Golden State at Utah, (n)				
Sacramento at Portland, (n)				
Thursday's Games				
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.				
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Phoenix at Indiana, 7 p.m.				
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.				
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.				
Charlotte at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.				
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.				
Toronto at New Orleans, 8 p.m.				
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.				
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.				
New York at Sacramento, 10 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.				
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.				

Man United goes 7 points clear of City in EPL

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Javier Hernandez sent Manchester United seven points clear at the Premier League summit by pouncing in the 90th minute to clinch a 4-3 victory over Newcastle as second-place Manchester City lost at Sunderland on Wednesday.
At the season's halfway point, United had to come from behind three times in a tumultuous, incident-filled match at Old Trafford before Hernandez buried the decisive goal.
"Once again they have proved their courage, never gave in — down three times and came back three times, and eventually deserved to win the game," United manager Alex Ferguson said.
"Never mind where we are at this moment in time, this was a championship performance."

As United bounced back from Sunday's draw at Swansea, City's three-match winning run came to an end after its former winger, Adam Johnson, gave Sunderland a 1-0 victory over the champions.
Chelsea is now only four points behind City with a game in hand after Juan Mata clinched a 1-0 victory at Norwich.
Tottenham, Everton and West Bromwich Albion are all two points behind Chelsea.
Tottenham moved into the fourth Champions League spot as Gareth Bale scored a second-half hat trick in a 4-0 rout of Aston Villa. Everton beat Wigan 2-1 and West Brom won by the same score at Queens Park Rangers, which sunk back to the bottom.

Reading moved ahead of QPR on goal difference by holding Swansea 0-0, while Southampton remained out

the drop zone ahead of Wigan by drawing 1-1 at Fulham.

Newcastle looked like producing its first win at Old Trafford since 1972, but United's fighting spirit can rarely be suppressed.

For the eighth time this season in the league, Alex Ferguson's players came from behind to win and keep a 20th English title in their sights.

But there will be lingering concerns about a defense that has now conceded 28 goals in 19 games, compared with 33 in the whole of last season.

United's defense was breached after just four minutes after Michael Carrick gave away possession inside his own half, and goalkeeper David De Gea then parried Demba Ba's strike only for James Perch to put Newcastle in front.

Evans leveled for United in the 25th, sliding the ball into an empty net after Hernandez's shot from Robin van Persie's free kick was only half-blocked by goalkeeper Tim Krul.

But Evans then scored at the other end three minutes later, inadvertently turning a shot from former United teammate Danny Simpson into the net.

The goal was initially disallowed but the referee's assistant because Papiss Cisse appeared to be offside, but the decision was over-ruled by referee Mike Dean.

Ferguson was furious, venting his frustration at fourth official Neil Swarbrick on the touchline, and then challenging Dean at the start of the second half.

But United pulled level again in the 58th, with Patrice Evra's low shot ending up in the bottom corner of the net.

Newcastle, though, was back in front 10 minutes later after Cisse latched onto a cross from former United winger Gabriel Obertan.

The lead didn't last long, with Van Persie netting his 16th goal of the season in all competitions in the 71st after seeing an initial shot saved.

Hernandez, who was playing due to Wayne Rooney

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

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23 Health resort

26 Narrow path

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33 Breathers

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20 Stallone role

21 Sandwich cookies

22 Agile

23 Take wool

24 Ottoman official

25 Neighbor of CTRL

27 Narcissus' flaw

29 Jagged rock

30 NASA counterpart

32 Dazzle

34 Truckers' radios

37 Washed down

38 Razor-billed bird

41 Woman in white

43 Early anesthetic

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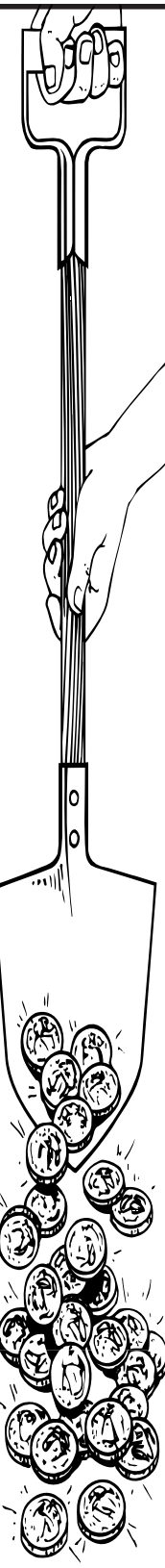
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New laws address gays, children, immigration

By the Associated Press

Measures on gay rights and child safety are among the top state laws taking effect at the start of 2013, along with attempts to prevent identity theft and perennial efforts to restrict abortion and illegal immigration.

In many states, new laws take effect on Jan. 1, while in others they do so 90 days after a governor's signature.

Voter-approved laws allowing same-sex couples to marry take effect in Maryland in January and in Maine on Saturday. California also approved a law exempting clergy members opposed to gay marriage from performing same-sex marriage ceremonies.

In California, a first-of-its-kind law bans a form of psychotherapy aimed at making gay teenagers straight but is on hold during a court challenge. The law would ban what is known as reparative or conversion therapy for minors; such therapies are widely discredited by medical professionals.

A number of laws seek to protect children from bullying and abuse. Pennsylvania school employees in contact with children, who already must report suspected abuse, must now be trained to recognize the warning signs, their legal obligations and what are considered appropriate relationships with children.

That law was being debated and voted on in June as a jury was finding former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky guilty of 45 counts for sexually abusing 10 boys over 15 years.

California coaches and administrators in K-12 schools, as well as higher education employees who have regular contact with children, will be required to report suspected child sexual abuse. Oregon will require school employees to report acts of bullying, harassment and online bullying. Oregon schools must also adopt a policy on teen dating violence.

In Florida, the Safe Harbor Act includes provisions that require police to turn over to the Department of Children and Families any children who are alleged to be sexually ex-

ploited or dependent for assessment and possible shelter.

States continue to wrestle with illegal immigration. Pennsylvania will include a requirement that contractors on public works projects make sure through the federal E-Verify system that their employees are legal U.S. residents, while a Montana ballot measure taking effect denies illegal immigrants of state services.

Supporters say the Montana law will prevent illegal immigrants from obtaining services and prevent them from taking jobs at a time of high unemployment. Opponents argued there is no proof illegal immigrants are using state services in Montana.

Also in Montana, voters overwhelmingly passed a measure requiring parental notification for minors' abortions, while in Georgia a new law will prohibit doctors from performing an abortion 20 weeks after an egg is fertilized unless a pregnancy is determined to be medically futile, meaning it would result in the birth of a child unlikely to survive because of a serious defect. Georgia became the seventh state in the country to approve the so-called fetal pain act. "Today, we are reaffirming Georgia's commitment to preserving the sanctity of all human life," Gov. Nathan Deal said in a statement released shortly after he signed the bill in May. The measure passed over the objection of many female lawmakers, including Sen. Valencia Seay, who said the bill's passage and signing was "unconscionable, but not surprising" and typical of the male-dominated General Assembly.

New Hampshire enacts a ban on a type of late-term abortion procedure sometimes called "partial birth abortion" after lawmakers overrode the veto of Gov. John Lynch, who said the measure was unnecessary because federal law already prohibits such procedures. Supporters of the ban say they don't trust the government to prosecute the law.

In Maryland, parents will be able to freeze their child's credit at any time if the child becomes a victim of identity theft. "This just freezes the information to ensure that it's not used for ill purposes," said Delegate Craig Zucker, a Democrat who sponsored the bill in the Maryland House of Delegates.

In Delaware, state officials must request an annual credit report for every child in foster care.

Among other new laws:

- Alabama begins cracking down on the state's 900,000 uninsured drivers with a new system that allows instant checks by police, license plate offices and the state Revenue Department.
- A pair of laws in Georgia and Pennsylvania address the shortfalls faced by some states from the cost of unemployment benefits by raising employers' contributions to unemployment compensation trust funds.
- In New Mexico, drivers registering their car or truck will be able to donate \$1 or \$5 to a state fund that supports programs and services to veterans, such as assistance in finding a job or treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder. In Utah, U.S. military personnel will be exempted from having to pay a full year's property taxes after their return from 200 days of active duty in any calendar year.
- In Florida, it will no longer be illegal to flash your headlights to warn oncoming drivers that police are lurking on the roadside ahead. The legislation was introduced after drivers were ticketed for warning other motorists that officers may be trying to catch speeders on the highway.
- A California law bans the use of dogs when hunting bobcats or bears, while Wisconsin's expansion of its hunting seasons to a month in autumn and another in April was a scaled-back version of a proposal that would have allowed hunting across a seven-month period from mid-October to late May.

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